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## Sealing The Deal

### Obama Gets Iran Deal Win as Democrats Clinch Votes

President Barack Obama speaks at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Senate Democrats have rallied the 34 votes they need to keep the Iran nuclear deal alive in Congress, handing President Barack Obama a major foreign policy victory. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., became the crucial 34th vote Wednesday, declaring the agreement is the best way to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

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Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama secured a landmark foreign policy victory Wednesday as Democrats amassed enough votes to ensure the Iran nuclear deal survives in Congress, despite fero-

cious opposition from Republicans and Israel's government. The backing from Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski gives supporters of the agreement the crucial 34th vote in the 100-member chamber they need to uphold an Obama veto of a congressional resolution of disapproval if Republi-

cans pass such a measure later this month. And it spells failure for opponents of the international agreement who sought to foil it by turning Congress against it. Leading that effort were Israel and its allies in the U.S., who failed to get traction after spending millions of dollars trying.

The agreement signed by Iran, the U.S. and five other world powers limits Iran's nuclear program in exchange for hundreds of billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions. Republicans and Israeli officials contend that concessions made to Iran could enable the country

to wreak havoc throughout the Middle East. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who had personally lobbied U.S. lawmakers to block the nuclear pact, will continue fighting the agreement, an Israeli official said.

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## Obama visit spotlights tough life in Alaska

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**Associated Press**

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska**  
**(AP)** — President Barack Obama, on a historic visit to the Alaska Arctic, shined a spotlight Wednesday on the plight of residents in rural Alaska, where Alaska Natives and others toil under rough-and-tumble conditions that most Americans would be hard-pressed to imagine.

Closing out his three-day tour of Alaska, Obama first dropped in on the fishing village of Dillingham in Western Alaska to inspect one of the biggest sockeye salmon runs in the world and underscore the need to “protect this incredible natural resource, not just for the people whose livelihoods depends on it, but for the entire country.”

From there, he was traveling north of the Arctic Circle to the town of Kotzebue, a regional hub with a population of barely more

to the U.S. Census Bureau. And even more lack complete plumbing. Instead, many use the “honey bucket” system — five-gallon drums that serve as make-shift toilets are emptied into nearby sewage lagoons.

The president’s goal was to showcase the havoc he says human-influenced climate change is wreaking on Alaska’s delicate landscape: entire rural villages sinking into the ground as permafrost thaws, protective sea ice melts and temperatures climb.

Alaska Natives have joined the president in sounding the alarm on climate change. Yet the obstacles they confront daily in rural Alaska extend far deeper, raising questions about whether the federal government has done enough to help some of the country’s most destitute citizens. This is a life of subsistence hunting for bowhead whales, walrus and seals,

we need to do more to fix it.”

Even as Obama’s travels brought him near the Bering Sea, U.S. officials reported the presence of five Chinese PLA Navy ships in the sea — the first time they have been observed there. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said U.S. officials don’t view the Chinese vessels to be a threat but he added that the reason for their presence “is still unclear.”

The ships were participating in a military exercise with Russia in previous days and then broke off to head into the Bering Sea, according to a U.S. defense official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.

“We respect the freedom of all nations to operate military vessels in international waters in accordance with international law,” said Navy Cdr. Bill Urban.



**President Barack Obama looks at salmon being smoked while meeting with local fishermen and families on Kakanak Beach, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, in Dillingham, Alaska. Obama is on a historic three-day trip to Alaska aimed at showing solidarity with a state often overlooked by Washington, while using its glorious but changing landscape as an urgent call to action on climate change.**

**(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)**

than 3,000.

Obama’s trip, the first by a sitting president to the Arctic, puts on rare display the ways of life and daily challenges in Alaska’s more than 200 far-flung rural villages. Outside of Kotzebue, 1 in 5 in the Alaska Arctic doesn’t have a proper kitchen, according

a proud tradition of dependence on the land that poses immense logistical challenges.

“The vast majority of Americans have no idea there are dozens of communities in Alaska that live like this,” Republican Sen. Dan Sullivan said in an interview. “It’s unacceptable, and

In his visit to Dillingham, Obama inspected all aspects of the fishing operation and pronounced a sample of salmon jerky to be “outstanding.” He took it in stride when he noticed salmon spawning on his shoes, and went on to deliver a serious environmental message. □



**Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., speaks during a news conference in Baltimore. Mikulski became the crucial 34th vote for the Iran deal Wednesday morning, declaring the agreement is the best way to curb Iran’s nuclear ambitions.**

**(AP Photo/Steve Ruark)**

### Iran Deal

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Marshall Wittmann, spokesman for the pro-Israel lobby AIPAC, said his group also would continue rallying opposition to the nuclear agreement. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, grudgingly acknowledged that his side would not be able to block the deal after Obama, in his words, secured “the tepid, restricted and partisan support of one-third of one house of Congress.” McConnell spared the accord no criticism, saying it leaves Iran “with a threshold nuclear capability.”

In a letter delivered to Congress Wednesday, Secretary of State John Kerry called Israel’s security “sacrosanct,” recounting the billions of dollars the U.S. has provided the Jewish state for missile defense and other security assistance. U.S. and Israeli officials, he said, are working on a deal to “cement for the next decade our unprecedented levels of military assistance.”

The letter was sent as Kerry defended the Iran deal in Philadelphia. His speech was carried live on television in Iran, an unusual occurrence.

“Rejecting this agreement would not be sending a signal of resolve to Iran, it would be broadcasting a message so

puzzling that most people across the globe would find it impossible to comprehend,” Kerry told lawmakers and civil leaders at the National Constitution Center.

“It’s hard to conceive of a quicker or more self-destructive blow to our nation’s credibility and leadership — not only with respect to this one issue, but across the board, economically, politically, militarily, even morally.

He said the Obama administration would ensure that America’s Arab allies, like Israel, would have the “political and military support they need” to protect themselves from the threat posed by Iran. White House press secretary Josh Earnest called the growing support a validation of Obama’s effort to “make sure that every member of the Senate understands exactly what’s included in the agreement.”

The deal sets Iran back so that it is at least a year away from being able to produce enough nuclear material for a weapon, before the restrictions ease after a decade.

With opposition to the agreement failing to take hold on the Democratic side, supporters may be able to muster the 41 votes needed to block the disapproval resolution from passing in the first place, sparing Obama from having to use his veto pen. □





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### At Press Time:

## Hunt for 3 suspects in Illinois officer's death widens

DON BABWIN

Associated Press

FOX LAKE, Illinois (AP)

— U.S. law enforcement officials broadened the hunt Wednesday for three suspects in the fatal shooting of a popular veteran police officer in a small northern Illinois community after a methodical house-to-house search turned up nothing.

Hundreds of officers, aided by dozens of dogs and numerous helicopters, were involved in the exhaustive search in Fox Lake after the killing of Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz on Tuesday morning. That initial manhunt focused on a two-square-mile area near the scene of the shooting and ended around 10 p.m. Tuesday. Then, officers switched to "saturation patrols" over a broader area to search for the suspects, investigate any suspicious activity and reassure residents, said Lake County Sheriff's Office spokesman Sgt. Christopher Covelli. Meanwhile, the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force has taken over the main investigation and is following leads, he said.

"We're not searching in an enclosed perimeter area anymore," Covelli said. "But we are saturating the area. I would describe it as numerous police officers, sheriff's deputies and state troopers in the area



**Police search from a helicopter for suspects in the shooting of a police officer in Fox Lake, Ill.** Fox Lake Police Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz was shot and killed while pursuing a group of suspicious men. Police with helicopters, dogs and armed with rifles are conducting a massive manhunt in northern Illinois for the individuals believed to be involved in the death of the three-decade member of the department and a father of four sons. (AP Photo/Michael Schmidt)

continuing to look for the offenders, continuing to investigate suspicious activity and being available for residents."

Authorities from across the state and region joined the manhunt Tuesday in the village about 60 miles north of Chicago. Some wore tactical gear and toled high-powered rifles. Officers took up positions on rooftops and along railroad tracks,

scanning the terrain with rifle scopes and binoculars. Others leaned out of helicopters with weapons at the ready. Federal agencies, SWAT teams and 48 police dogs assisted in the manhunt, Covelli said.

Residents of the usually sleepy village were urged to stay indoors, and schools that went on lockdown the day of the shooting were closed a

day later.

Gliniewicz radioed in Tuesday morning to tell dispatchers he was chasing three men on foot, Covelli said. Communication with him was lost soon after. Covelli said backup officers found him injured with a gunshot wound and that he died soon after.

An emotional Fox Lake Mayor Donny Schmit described the slain officer as

a personal friend, a three-decade member of the department and a father of four sons.

"We lost a family member," Schmit said of the 52-year-old officer known around town as "GI Joe." "His commitment to the people of this community has been unmatched and will be dearly missed."

Workers adorned the village hall with black and purple bunting in a display of mourning and several evening vigils were planned.

Eleven-year-old Takoa Thomas, a sixth grader, stood on the side of a road with a handmade sign that read "Cops' lives matter. RIP GI Joe."

The area near the Wisconsin border area is popular for boating and other outdoor pursuits because of its forest preserves and a chain of lakes that partly encircles Fox Lake. Some longtime city dwellers move to the region for what is normally a quieter lifestyle.

Gliniewicz's death is the third law enforcement fatality in Illinois this year, according to the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. It says firearms-related deaths in the U.S. are down 13 percent this year compared to the same period last year, Jan. 1. to Sept. 1; there were 30 last year and 26 this year. □





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## Sheriff: Texas man killed by deputies appeared to hold knife



Bexar County Sheriff Susan Pamerleau, with Chief Deputy Manuel Longoria, speaks during a news conference at the Bexar County Sheriff's office, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, in San Antonio. Pamerleau said a second video of deputies fatally shooting a man whose hands were raised appears to show him carrying what investigators believe was a knife. She declined to release the video because the investigation is ongoing.

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**Associated Press**

**DALLAS (AP)** — A second video that captured Texas deputies fatally shooting a man whose hands were raised appears to show that he was holding a knife, a sheriff said Wednesday,

declining to release the video because the investigation is still going on. Sheriff Susan Pamerleau said at a news conference that the video has been forwarded to the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime lab to see if the foot-

age can be blown up and slowed down to establish the sequence of Friday's events. Although it's unclear from the video what 41-year-old Gilbert Flores may have been holding while facing deputies with his hands up outside of a

home near San Antonio, investigators believe it was a knife, she said.

"There's no doubt that what was shown in that video is of grave concern to all of us, but we also want to get this right," Pamerleau said of the investigation, which also involves the FBI. She declined to say whether investigators recovered a knife from the scene after the shooting.

A separate video taken by a motorist and released publicly shows Flores raise his arms in apparent surrender and stand motionless just before the two deputies opened fire, killing him. A utility pole obscured one of his arms in that video, but Pamerleau said the second video, which was taken from a different angle, showed that both of Flores' arms were raised when he was shot.

"We're not drawing any conclusions at this point," she said. "That would be inappropriate to do so."

The deputies, Greg Vasquez and Robert Sanchez, have been placed on administrative leave. San Antonio attorney Thomas J. Henry, who is representing the Flores family, previously told The Associated Press that the initial video appears to show that deadly force was unnecessary.

"From a lay perspective, seeing the video, it does appear the immediate danger is gone because he had both hands in the air," Henry said. "Now there are other videos and other pieces of evidence that we want to gather."

He said the family is considering filing a lawsuit to compel the authorities to turn over more evidence. Juan Contreras, president of the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Bexar County, which is the deputies' union, said there are many aspects of the case that haven't been disclosed by the authorities. □





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## Judge refuses to drop charges against Baltimore police

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Associated Press

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — A Baltimore judge on Wednesday refused to dismiss charges against six police officers in connection with the death of a black man who had been seriously injured while in custody. The judge also refused to remove the prosecutor in the case that sparked riots in Baltimore last spring.

During a pretrial hearing, Judge Barry Williams denied a defense motion for the charges to be dropped against the officers in the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray, who endured a severe spinal cord injury while in police custody on April 12 and died a week later.

Defense attorneys had sought to drop the charges — which range from second-degree assault to second-degree murder — because of prosecutorial misconduct on the part of State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby. Williams, however, said that while Mosby's public comments regarding initial statements made by the officers to investiga-

tors were "troubling," they are not likely to prejudice a jury.

Andrew Graham, an attorney representing Officer Caesar Goodson, had unsuccessfully argued that Mosby's comments after filing charges against the officers were "reckless and unprofessional," and violated the rules of conduct. Graham likened Mosby's comments on the case to a "pep rally calling for pay-back."

Williams was later to rule on a motion for Mosby to recuse herself due to what defense attorneys characterize as conflicts of interest.

Officers Edward Nero, Garrett Miller, William Porter and Goodson, as well as Lt. Brian Rice and Sgt. Alicia White, face charges in Gray's death. They did not attend the hearing.

All the officers face second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and misconduct in office charges. Rice, Porter and White also face manslaughter charges, and Goodson faces an additional charge of second-degree murder. □



Protesters gather outside Baltimore Circuit Court, as the first court hearing was set to begin in the case of six police officers criminally charged in the death of Freddie Gray, on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015 in Baltimore. Six police officers face charges that range from second-degree assault, a misdemeanor, to second-degree "depraved-heart" murder. (Lloyd Fox/The Baltimore Sun via AP)

## Canadian pleads not guilty at 4th trial to killing two in 1988

**NASHUA, N.H. (AP)** — A Canadian man who's been tried three times for the 1988 slayings of two New Hampshire women has pleaded not guilty to murder charges in his fourth trial.

The Nashua Telegraph reports that 48-year-old Anthony Barnaby entered the pleas Tuesday on two counts each of first- and second-degree murder. Police say Barnaby and

54-year-old David Caplin stabbed Brenda Warner and Charlene Ranstrom to death in October 1988 in the women's Nashua apartment.

Three juries failed to convict or acquit Barnaby, the last time in 1990. First-degree murder charges against Caplin were dropped after courts tossed much of the evidence. Both men returned to Canada. □



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## Factory orders in America edge up 0.4 percent in July

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**

**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Orders to U.S. factories posted a modest gain in July, helped by the biggest rise in motor vehicles orders in a year and a solid gain in a category that tracks business investment plans. Factory orders rose 0.4 percent in July, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. Orders had increased a much larger 2.2

percent in June.

The modest increase in factory orders in July suggests that manufacturing is still grappling with a variety of challenges, from falling energy prices to a stronger dollar, which hurts exports. But a key category that tracks business investment plans climbed 2.1 percent, posting the strongest gain in 13 months.

For July, orders for motor vehicles surged 4 percent,

the largest jump since July 2014.

Orders for durable goods, items expected to last at least three years like bicycles and battleships, increased 2.2 percent in July, slightly stronger than the 2 percent estimate the government made last week. Orders for nondurable goods such as chemicals and paper, fell 1.3 percent in July after a 0.4 percent rise in June.

Orders in the business investment category had fallen in four of the previous five months before June, reflecting the soft patch that manufacturing has faced this year.

U.S. manufacturers must contend with a number of headwinds including a sharp slowdown in growth in China, a strong dollar, which makes U.S. products more expensive in export markets, and falling oil

prices, which have caused energy companies to cut back on their investment spending.

On Tuesday, the Institute for Supply Management reported that its manufacturing index slid to 51.1 last month from 52.7 in July. It was the second straight drop. Economists had been expecting the index to rebound modestly in August. Anything above 50 signals growth. □

## Fed report shows autos and housing fueling US growth



**FedEx Packages move on a conveyor belt at the FedEx hub at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles. The latest Federal Reserve report says that while U.S. housing and auto sales showed strength over the summer, manufacturers were feeling pressure from China's economic slowdown. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)**

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — While U.S. housing and auto sales showed strength over the summer, manufacturers were feeling pressure from China's economic slowdown and the oil industry was squeezed by lower

energy prices. That's the U.S. economic picture that emerges from the Federal Reserve's latest look at business conditions around the country. The Fed said 11 of its 12 regional banks reported that the economy grew at least modestly in July through mid-August.

One of the Fed's regions — Cleveland — reported only slight growth.

The Fed report, known as the beige book, will be used for discussion when the central bank meets next on Sept. 16-17. The gathering will be closely watched because of the

possibility it will decide to start raising interest rates from record lows near zero. The recent stock market turbulence, triggered by worries about China's slowdown, has led some analysts to lower the odds for a Fed move in September. But other economists still believe a Fed rate hike this month is likely, especially if markets stabilize and Friday's unemployment report shows strong job gains continued in August.

Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Economics, viewed the overall tone of the survey as "a tad more positive" than the previous report. "It doesn't appear that economic activity has slowed much since July, at least as of a week ago," she said. "No reason, here at least, for a delay in tightening" Fed interest rates. The survey was based on information collected before Aug. 24, which means it doesn't reflect the stock market turmoil that occurred at the end of August.

Analysts at TD Economics said in a research that while

there was little overlap with the recent wild market swings, the report did show that the strong dollar and Chinese economic slowdown were weighing on activity, particularly in manufacturing.

The beige book revealed a mixed picture for manufacturing, with 10 regions reporting stable or positive growth overall but New York and Kansas City seeing declines.

The Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond and Dallas districts all said that a strong dollar had dampened manufacturing activity. Three districts cited China's deceleration as dragging on some business. The Chinese slowdown hurt demand for wood products in the San Francisco district, chemicals in the Boston area and high-tech goods in the Dallas region.

The survey found that real estate activity improved throughout the country, with home sales and home prices climbing in all 12 districts. Auto sales were also a bright spot in most regions. □

## US productivity up 3.3 percent in spring, labor costs fall

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. productivity in the spring rose at the fastest pace since late 2013, while labor costs declined.

Worker productivity increased at an annual rate of 3.3 percent in the April-June quarter, the Labor Department reported

Wednesday. That was a rebound from the first quarter when productivity had fallen at a 1.1 percent rate and a sizeable upward revision from the government's first estimate of a 1.3 percent growth rate.

Labor costs fell at a 1.4 percent rate in the second quarter, indicating that wages are not rising even

as unemployment declines. Even with the strong gain in the second quarter, productivity over the past year has increased by just 0.7 percent, far below the long-run average of 2.2 percent. Productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, has been sluggish since the recession and economists have been at

a loss to explain the reason for this weakness.

"This update does not change the underlying story. Productivity growth remains low," said Patrick Newport, an economist at IHS Global Insight. "Productivity's slow pace has the (economics) profession puzzled."

Faster productivity growth

allows employers to boost pay without pushing up inflation. The Federal Reserve closes monitors both productivity and labor costs to determine whether inflation is starting to become a problem. However, the deep recession of 2007-2009 has left workers with less ability to demand higher wages. □



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## Man gets jail for writing racist graffiti on refugees' homes

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Associated Press

**CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP)** — A man who said he was "angry at an imperfect world" admitted Wednesday he scrawled racist graffiti on the homes of four African refugee families; he was sentenced to a year in jail.

Raymond Stevens, 44, of Concord pleaded guilty to criminal mischief — a special felony because his conduct is considered a hate crime. He also was sentenced to five years' probation upon release from jail, and any future violation can trigger a resentencing hearing where he would face 10 to 30 years in prison.

Police say Stevens wrote hateful messages in black permanent marker on the homes of refugee families in a Concord neighborhood in 2011 and 2012. On one home was scrawled: "The sub humans in this house are enjoying a free ride"; on another, it said: "Go back to your hell and leave us alone."

Victim statements read in court told of the effect the graffiti had on the refugees. "My heart was distressed. I was violated as a human being," wrote Manasse Ngendahayo.

Others said it thrust them back into the daily terror they had lived with in the Congo and Rwanda. They stopped venturing into the community they had come to call home; some moved to other states.

Stevens told the judge he was "deeply remorseful for the pain I have caused those good families."

"Please know I was never a violent man — just mentally ill and in need of help," Stevens said. His lawyer said it was after his arrest and an attempt to kill himself that he was diagnosed with mental health issues that had gone untreated. □

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## AP Exclusive: Records show university's response to Holmes

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Associated Press

**DENVER (AP)** — James Holmes told his psychiatrist that he wanted to kill people to make up for his failure in science, more than a month before he went on rampage at a Colorado movie theater killing 12 people and injuring more than 70, according to newly released documents.

The head of his neuroscience graduate program called a campus police officer to relay the information, according to the documents.

The call, never previously disclosed, came just after the psychiatrist expressed similar concerns to the



Colorado theater shooter James Holmes appears in court, with his attorney Daniel King, in Centennial, Colo. Holmes was sentenced to life in prison without parole by Judge Carlos Samour Jr.

(RJ Sangosti/The Denver Post via AP)

same University of Colorado police officer in June 2012, when Holmes abruptly ended his academic career after repeatedly sharing his homicidal urges.

But the documents show the officer did little other than check to see whether Holmes had a criminal record and deactivate his campus access cards. And his psychiatrist declined to detain Holmes, who had revealed no specific targets or threats, because she thought it would only "inflammate him." A judge last week sentenced Holmes to life in prison without parole after jurors couldn't agree that he deserved the death penalty. □

## Texas clinics file Supreme Court appeal of abortion law

MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Texas abortion clinics are asking the Supreme Court to take up a major case about abortion rights in the midst of the 2016 presidential campaign.

The clinics said they filed an appeal Wednesday aimed at permanently blocking parts of a state law that already have forced nearly two dozen clinics to close and would leave the second most populous state with 10 abortion provid-

ers. If the law passed in 2013 takes full effect, there would be no clinic west of San Antonio and only one would operate on a limited basis in the Rio Grande Valley. In June, the justices granted an emergency appeal to put new clinic regulations on hold temporarily while the clinics appealed to the high court. The justices' action was a strong indication that they eventually would take up the case. Texas had 41 clinics when the law took effect; 18 remain. Republi-

can presidential candidate Rick Perry was Texas' governor in 2013 and signed the bill into law. The justices probably won't consider whether to hear the case for another two months, but that would still leave ample time to schedule argument and render a decision by late June. The legal fight is over two provisions of the law. One requires abortion facilities to be constructed like surgical centers. The other only allows doctors to perform abortions at clinics if they have admitting privi-

leges at a local hospital. The case could allow the justices to give more definition to the key phrase from their last big abortion ruling, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, in 1992. States generally can regulate abortion unless doing so places "an undue burden" on a woman's right to get an abortion. Backers of the regulations say they are common-sense measures intended to protect women. Abortion rights groups say the regulations have only one aim: to make it

harder, if not impossible, for women to get abortions in Texas. A three-judge panel of the federal appeals court in New Orleans upheld the new clinic regulations in June and would have allowed them to be in force even during the Supreme Court appeal. The justices voted 5-4 to prevent that from happening. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas would have allowed the state to move ahead. □



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## Migrant tempers fray as Hungary blocks trains for 2nd day

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**BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)**

— Tempers flared among the thousands trapped in a makeshift refugee camp in the heart of Budapest on Wednesday as Hungary played hardball with its unwelcome visitors for a second day, blocking train ticket-clutching migrants from traveling deeper into Europe.

The migrants, who have swamped every nook and cranny of public space outside the city's Keleti train station, threatened to walk the 105 miles (170 kilometers) to the Austrian border if police don't let them board trains to their desired destinations in Austria and Germany.

"I will walk the whole way if I must," declared 28-year-old Ahmed Shamoun, who deserted Syria's army three months ago, leaving nine brothers and eight sisters behind in Damascus. "I could pay a taxi 500 euros (\$550) to take me to Austria, but the police might stop me. I could wait here forever before Hungary lets



**Supporters and activists of the Migration Aid civil group hold a demonstration in support of migrants at Kossuth Square, in front of the Hungarian Parliament building in Budapest, Hungary, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015. Over 150,000 migrants have reached Hungary this year, most coming through the southern border with Serbia. Many apply for asylum but quickly try to leave for richer EU countries.**

(Noemi Bruzak/MTI via AP)

me take the train." Hungary tantalizingly opened the way Monday, allowing more than 1,000 migrants to pack westbound trains — and inspiring a migrant surge to the capital — before it withdrew the option 24

hours later. The question of how to defuse the human gridlock in Hungary is set to dominate meetings in Brussels on Thursday between EU leaders and Hungary's anti-immigrant prime minister, Viktor Orban. Hungary, which for months

had permitted most applicants to head west after short bureaucratic delays, now says it won't let more groups deeper into the European Union and has cited EU backing for the move. Police blocking migrants from entering the

capital's main international train hub also stopped them from marching around the station, sparking scenes of anger but no violence.

Migrants "are not entitled to move freely within the European Union even after entering Hungary," government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs told The Associated Press.

The tent city outside Keleti has steadily grown to an estimated 3,000 migrants camped out on the concrete plaza and subway entrances. Men sleep tightly packed together, using backpacks for pillows, as young children play in their midst, coloring with crayons or swerving around the carpet of bodies on tricycles. Rumors in shouted Arabic spread quickly, fueling surges of excitement and fury as people are told that the train station soon will reopen for migrants, or that police are about to attack and detain them.

Conditions around the transportation hub have grown increasingly squalid despite the efforts of volunteers distributing water, food, medicine and disinfectants.

Local restaurants demand cash to let migrants use their restrooms. A lone city fire hose provides water from a faucet, where a sign in English prohibiting the washing of feet is ignored.

The fate of Europe's asylum seekers, more than 330,000 of whom have arrived so far this year, is dividing Hungary as illustrated by two profoundly different demonstrations Wednesday night. □

## New Ukraine doctrine declares Russia military opponent

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**Associated Press**  
**KIEV, Ukraine (AP)**

— Ukraine's national security council on Wednesday approved a new military doctrine that declares Russia to be a military opponent and calls for the country to pursue NATO membership. There was no immediate official reaction from Russia, which hotly denies claims that it has sent troops and equipment to separatist rebels in Ukraine's east and

which opposes Ukraine joining NATO.

The move came amid strong political tensions over President Petro Poroshenko's efforts to get approval of a constitutional change that would devolve some powers to the regions, including the eastern regions held by the rebels.

Opponents say the change would effectively be capitulation to Russia. It was unclear if the military

doctrine's stance against Russia could dilute opposition to the decentralization. The doctrine now goes to Poroshenko for his signature.

At the security council meeting, Poroshenko said the doctrine "not only officially establishes the Russian Federation as Ukraine's military opponent, but states the task of relocating military units and creating the necessary military infrastructure in the eastern and

southern regions."

On Monday, as the Ukrainian parliament gave initial approval to the decentralization measure, a violent protest broke out and three national guardsmen were killed when a grenade was thrown into the crowd.

Two parties in the governing coalition said Wednesday that they won't abandon the grouping amid the intense dispute over the proposal. □



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# Masked men kidnap 18 Turkish workers in Iraqi capital

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**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Masked men in military uniforms kidnapped 18 Turkish citizens in Baghdad early Wednesday, bundling them into several SUVs and speeding away in a brazen operation that laid bare serious security gaps in the heavily defended city.

Iraqi and Turkish officials said the 18 are employed by Nurol Insaat, a Turkish construction company contracted to build a sports complex in the sprawling Shiite district of Sadr City. The kidnappers stormed the construction site, where the workers were sleeping in caravans, breaking down doors and disarming the guards before taking the workers away, they said.

The Iraqi officials said an Iraqi national was kidnapped along with the Turks.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi blamed organized crime for the kidnapping, but did not elaborate.

Turkish Foreign Ministry Spokesman Tanju Bilgic said those kidnapped included 14 workers, three engineers and one accountant. He said the kidnappers specifically targeted Turkish nationals, picking them out from the rest and leaving behind workers from other countries.

"The Iraqi authorities for the time being do not have information on how the incident occurred or who captured them," Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus told reporters.

In Baghdad, Interior Ministry spokesman Saad Maan told The Associated Press that authorities are investigating the incident. Neither

the identity nor the motives of the kidnappers were immediately known, though both criminal gangs and the Islamic State group both have kidnapped foreigners in the past.

The sports complex appears to be nearly complete. A sign outside says it includes a 30,000-seat soccer stadium, a track and field facility and a 50-room hotel. Turkey recently began launching airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria and allowing U.S. warplanes to use bases in southeastern Turkey to strike the Sunni extremist group. It launched a simultaneous air campaign in northern Iraq against the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, a Kurdish militant group. Islamic State militants seized 49 diplomatic staff and family members from the Turkish consulate in Mosul when they captured the northern Iraqi city in June 2014. The group held them for three months before releasing them unharmed. Turkish officials have suggested — but never formally confirmed — that the release was secured in exchange for Islamic State prisoners held in Turkey.

Turkey held back from contributing to the U.S.-led coalition as it sought to free the 46 Turks and three Iraqi hostages.

almost unheard of in the past few years.

Al-Abadi this week instructed authorities in Baghdad to reopen streets that have

embassies, to be open again to traffic. The area has been walled off since the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003.



**Iraqi security forces guard the entrance to a sports complex being built by a Turkish construction company, in the Shiite district of Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015. Masked men in military uniforms kidnapped 18 Turkish workers and engineers working at the site in Baghdad at dawn Wednesday, bundling them into several SUVs and speeding away, Iraqis security officials said.**  
(AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed)

Baghdad has been torn by violence for over a decade now, with roadside bombs, suicide attacks and assassinations occurring almost daily. While kidnapping for ransom has continued, abductions on the scale seen Wednesday have been

been closed to traffic for years to ward off possible terror attacks. He also ordered that the "Green Zone," a heavily guarded swath of land on the west bank of the Tigris River that houses his office, parliament, the U.S. and British

It is not immediately clear how much, if any, of the Green Zone would be open to normal traffic. Past attempts to relax security measures in the capital were answered with major terror attacks, forcing authorities to reconsider. □

## Algeria prime minister rejects party by ex-Islamist fighter

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**Associated Press**

**ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)** — Algeria's prime minister announced Wednesday that a former Islamist rebel commander who declared he wanted to form a new political party would not be allowed to do so.

Abdelmalek Sellal said that according to the nation's political party law, no one involved in the "national tragedy" — a reference to the 1990s civil war that

claimed 200,000 lives — could form a party.

"Political activity is forbidden for those who participated in terrorist actions," he said, citing the 10-year-old charter for peace and reconciliation that helped end the civil war kicked off by a military coup in 1992.

Algeria's generals intervened when the Islamic Salvation Front party was poised to win legislative elections in the early 1990s. Many Islamists then aban-

doned politics and joined armed groups.

Madani Mezrag was the leader of the party's armed wing, the Islamic Army of Salvation, and fought government forces until he turned himself in as part of an amnesty deal in 1997.

On Friday, during a summer study group involving hundreds of participants, he announced the formation of a new political party, the Algerian Front for Reconciliation and Salvation. He

said he expected it to be approved within a year.

Since turning himself in, Mezrag has become active in business and often speaks to the press. He has expressed little remorse for his activities during the civil war.

Algeria has a number of Islamist political parties, but they have only a small number of seats in parliament and no group has ever recaptured the popularity of the Islamists in the 1990s. □



## Boko Haram extremists in Nigeria kill 26, including children

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**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)**

— Twenty- six people were killed in Nigeria's north-eastern Borno state by attackers on horseback believed to be rebels of the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram, witnesses said.

Ali Abdulqasim said his home village of Kolori and the neighboring village of Baana-imam were at-

tacked late Tuesday.

"I ran and hid atop a mango tree outside our village, from where I watched secretly how they chased the scampering villagers and shoot at them," Abdulqasim said Wednesday. He spent the night in the tree and when he came down in the morning he saw many dead bodies, he said. "I counted almost a dozen (corpses), mostly

the elderly and children," he said.

The death toll was 26, said Abbas Gava, a spokesman for a civilian defense group.

Boko Haram's six-year-old uprising has caused the deaths of an estimated 20,000 people.

More than 1,000 people have been killed since President Muhammadu Buhari was elected in March

with a pledge to wipe out the militants. Nearly 2 million have been driven from their homes by the uprising. Some 75,000 refugees from Niger, Nigeria and Chad have been displaced from their homes in recent weeks due to Boko Haram attacks in the Lake Chad area, according to Doctors Without Borders. Nigerian authorities have warned that Boko Haram

is trying to extend its violence across the country including Lagos, the country's largest city.

Earlier this year, troops from Chad and Nigeria drove the extremists out of some 25 towns held for months in what had been declared an Islamic caliphate. The displaced insurgents have returned to hit-and-run tactics and suicide bombings. □

## Bombs at mosque in Yemen's capital kill at least 20 people

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**Associated Press**

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)**

— An Islamic State-claimed suicide bomber and a subsequent car bombing killed at least 20 people Wednesday at a mosque in Yemen's rebel-held capital, Sanaa, amid the country's raging civil war, officials said.

The suicide bomber blew himself up inside the mosque during the evening call to prayers, while the car bomb exploded outside an entrance, they said. Medical officials said the death toll may rise with people now in operating rooms in several hospitals.

Witnesses said the car bomb exploded while people were carrying out the wounded from inside the mosque, adding to the casualties.

One witness, Hamid Ali, said the explosions left body parts and bloodied floors in the mosque frequented by both Sunni and Shiite Muslims. Those wounded



**Yemeni people stand around a crater at the site of a Saudi air strike in Sanaa, Yemen. An Islamic State-claimed suicide bomber and a subsequent car bombing killed at least 20 people Wednesday at a mosque in Yemen's rebel-held capital, Sanaa, amid the country's raging civil war, officials said. (AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)**

pleaded for help.

In a message circulated on social media, Yemen's local Islamic State affiliate claimed the bombing, identifying the suicide attacker as Quay al-Sanaani

and saying the assault was revenge against the Shiite rebels known as Houthis that hold Sanaa. The Associated Press could not independently verify the message, though it re-

sembled other claims of responsibility by the group and was shared by extremist sympathizers.

The Islamic State affiliate in Yemen has carried out similar attacks targeting

mosques, including a series of suicide bombings on March 20 in Sanaa that killed 137 people and wounding 345.

Yemen has been mired in violence since the Houthis captured Sanaa last September.

The Houthis are fighting alongside army units loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against forces loyal to exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi as well as southern separatists and local militias. A Saudi-led and U.S.-backed coalition has been launching airstrikes against the rebels since March.

The conflict has killed over 2,100 civilians, according to the United Nations.

Earlier Wednesday, gunmen shot dead two Yemenis working for the International Committee of the Red Cross on Wednesday as they were traveling from the northern Saada province to the capital, Sanaa, the group said. □

## Thai police: Suspect acknowledges being near bomb scene

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**Associated Press**

**BANGKOK (AP)**

— Thai police said Wednesday a prime suspect in Bangkok's deadly bombing has admitted to being near the shrine where the attack took place but denied placing the bomb, as other clues increasingly linked the blast to Thailand's forced repatriation of members of a minority ethnic group to China.

Thai authorities said the suspect's fingerprints also matched those on a bottle of bomb-making material found in an apartment that was raided this past weekend.

Deputy National Police Chief Chakthip Chaijinda was asked by reporters if the man — whose name and nationality have not been released — had confessed to involvement in the Aug. 17 blast at Erawan Shrine that killed

20 people and injured more than 120, or another explosion the following day near a busy river pier that caused no casualties. "It is in the nature of the suspect to deny it, but he admits that he was there in the area when it happened," Chakthip said.

Thai authorities say the man, identified only as a foreigner, was arrested Tuesday near the border with Cambodia as he was attempting to flee.

Police announced separately that they are seeking the arrest of a Turkish man, Emrah Davutoglu, who they believe is also linked to the blasts. He is at least the third Turk among eight suspects for whom arrest warrants have been issued.

The Turkish connection has fueled speculation the suspects may be part of a group seeking to avenge Thailand's forced repatriation of ethnic Uighurs

to China in July. Thailand is believed to be a transit stop for Chinese Uighurs attempting to go to Turkey.

Uighurs (pronounced WEE-gurs) are related to Turks, and Turkey is home to a large Uighur community. The Erawan Shrine is especially popular with Chinese tourists, feeding the idea that it could be a target for people who believe the Uighurs are oppressed by China's government. □





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# Is North Korean airline world's worst? It may be the quirkiest

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PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) —

If an Air Koryo passenger ignores its no-photography rule, a flight attendant might take the camera and delete the pictures herself. Crumpling up a newspaper bearing the image of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un can earn travelers a stern lecture, or worse.

Those are among many quirks that may help explain why North Korea's airline has earned a singular distinction: It's been ranked the world's worst airline for four straight years.

Air Koryo is the only carrier to have been awarded just one star in rankings released recently by the UK-based SkyTrax consultancy agency. More than 180 airlines are included in the five-star ranking system, which is widely considered the global benchmark of airline standards.

Some experts and frequent Air Koryo passengers disagree with the "world's worst" title. The airline is a definitely a unique ride, but fairly reliable, they say. The SkyTrax ratings are focused on service and not safety. "It's a bit of a giggle, actually. They are clearly not the world's worst airline," said Simon Cockerell, of the Koryo Group, a Beijing-based travel agency that specializes in North Korea. The agency has no relation to Air Koryo, though Cockerell and his tourists often fly on the airline.

Cockerell said Air Koryo's weaknesses tend to be the kind of thing SkyTrax focuses on: cabin attendants tend not to speak foreign languages very well, there is no in-flight magazine, the meals aren't going to win any awards and, on older



Passengers board an Air Koryo plane at the Pyongyang International Airport, in Pyongyang, North Korea. Air Koryo is the only carrier to have been awarded just one star in rankings released recently by the UK-based SkyTrax consultancy agency.

(AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

planes, condensation from the cooling systems tended to dampen seats and drip on passengers.

"It's not Emirates," he said, referring to Dubai's Emirates Airlines, a four-star according to SkyTrax. "It's not quite the flying experience people are used to."

In-flight entertainment is

usually limited to the popular Moranbong Band girl group singing patriotic odes to the leader, or North Korean cartoons, shown on drop-down screens attached to the cabin ceilings. On the less than two-hour hop from Beijing, there is a meal of sorts. It resembles a hamburger.

But Air Koryo isn't what it used to be.

Its four-plane fleet of aircraft used on international flights is surprisingly new — acquired in 2008. Lax practices, like not announcing when the plane was about to land or skipping the safety demonstrations before takeoff, were fixed

long ago. The new airport terminal, a vast improvement over the temporary, warehouse-like building used until recently, provides travelers with a business-class lounge.

At the same time, being the flag-carrier of a nation shunned by much of the West cannot be good for an airline's image. Air Koryo's only regular international destinations are Beijing, Shanghai and Shenyang in China and the Russian port of Vladivostok.

"I'm not sure that I've ever seen or heard any references to Air Koryo being unsafe, only that its service is terrible," Patrick Smith, an airline pilot and author of the Ask The Pilot blog, said in an email to The Associated Press before the latest ratings came out.

"Everything about North Korea is seen as a kind of running joke, so we should probably expect that its airline is seen this way too, right or wrong," he said, with the caveat that he has never actually flown on Air Koryo. □

## North Korea denies it apologized over mine blast

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Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

North Korea said Wednesday that its recent expression of "regret" over a mine explosion that maimed two South Korean soldiers was not an apology, as Seoul claims — raising doubts about tentative moves toward detente between the rivals.

The statement by Pyongyang's powerful National Defense Commission is the first explicit denial of Seoul's interpretation of the key part of an accord that came last week after marathon negotia-

tions allowed theKoreas to step back from escalating threats of war.

While previous comments by officials had signaled that North Korea did not see its expression of regret for the injuries as an apology, let alone as acknowledgement of responsibility, the vehemence of Wednesday's denial, coupled with it coming from the highest decision-making body in the country, muddies the prospects for better ties between the Koreas, which remain in a technical state of war.

The accord had been vague enough to give

both sides seemingly what they wanted.

South Korea immediately interpreted it publicly as a mini-breakthrough, claiming that it successfully pushed the North to take responsibility for the blast. North Korea got an end to the cross-border propaganda broadcasts Seoul had started after it said it had evidence that the North had planted the mines.

Both sides began making plans for more talks and to resume reunions of families separated by war.

North Korea's new statement, however, is a clear

warning.

"This kind of interpretation is the result of ignorance on the meaning of a Korean word and its concept," said the statement issued by an unidentified spokesman at the commission's policy department.

"South Korea must not forget for an instant that a misjudgment ... would trigger fatal consequences on North-South relations," it went on. "Nothing can be cruder and un-handsomer than describing as one side's unilateral victory a joint statement that North and South Korea agreed upon." □



## Puerto Rico:

# Troubled power company in deal with bondholders

**DANICA COTO**  
**Associated Press**

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — The troubled state-owned Puerto Rico power

ment. The deal, if approved by bondholders outside the group, would reduce the principal by \$670 million

driguez, the chairman of the board of directors, said in a statement. Puerto Rico economist Gustavo Velez said the agree-

PREPA's debt, as well as its oil-dependent and troubled-plagued power grid, has been a significant contributing factor in the bleak economic outlook for Puerto Rico. The cost of electricity on the island is two times to three times the average on the U.S. mainland, a major complaint for both businesses and consumers. Manufacturing, the backbone of the Puerto Rican economy, has been in decline for a decade, plunging the island into recession and driving up unemployment, now at 12 percent, and prompting the largest exodus to the mainland in decades. Overall public debt, much of it incurred to paper over budget deficits in recent years, has reached \$72 billion, which Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla has said is unpayable and must be restructured. The governor said that the agreement reached by PREPA with its creditors would provide the utility with badly needed liquidity to invest in its infrastructure, which would spur economic growth and create jobs. "These are all critical aspects of the Island's economic recovery plan," Garcia said. Puerto Rican officials have been lobbying Congress to change U.S. law to allow the public debt of its municipalities and public utilities to be restructured through bankruptcy, which is prohibited because the island is a territory not a state. □



**U.S. and Puerto Rico flags hang outside the governor's mansion in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico's power company said Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015 it reached an agreement with a group of bondholders to restructure the troubled agency.**

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

company announced a restructuring plan Wednesday with some of its creditors that would provide breathing room for an island staggering under the weight of its public debt. A group of bondholders holding about a third of the power company's \$9 billion debt, agreed to reduce the principal owed by the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority in exchange for new securities worth 85 percent of their existing bonds, the utility said in a state-

and would save \$700 million in interest payments and principal over the next five years. It is part of a broader plan to restructure debt and overhaul operations at the utility known as PREPA. "We will continue to work with the other creditor groups toward a comprehensive agreement that will benefit the people and businesses of Puerto Rico, and provide a clear path to implement PREPA's transformation," Harry Ro-

ment brings some relief to the power company, but he noted that it is only a partial financial restructuring and does not address more fundamental problems. "It doesn't address the company's business model or how it will produce more energy," he said, calling the current model an obsolete public monopoly. "Until that is addressed, it will not solve the issue with creditors or the economic problems." □

## LATIN BRIEFS

### El Salvador hit new murder milestone with deadly August

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)** — El Salvador has hit yet another grisly milestone: A record murder rate in August. A national forensics institute which tracks homicides says the Central American nation recorded 911 last month. It's an average of nearly 30 a day. Institute director Miguel Fortin Magana said Wednesday that August was "without doubt the most violent in El Salvador's history." On Aug. 23 alone there were 52 murders, making it the bloodiest day of the year. Terrorized by brutal street gangs, El Salvador is one of the world's deadliest nations. The country has already surpassed last year's murder total of 3,942, with 4,246 killings in the first eight months of 2015.

### Paraguay: farmers protest the burning of their marijuana

**ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)** — About 100 marijuana farmers in Paraguay are staging a protest against the recent burning of their pot by anti-drug agents. The farmers demonstrated Wednesday in the country's northern state of San Pedro. They say the burning of some 345 acres (140 hectares) of their marijuana threatens their livelihood. Marijuana is illegal in Paraguay, a poor, landlocked country in the heart of South America. But farmer Gabriel Dos Santos says that he grows pot at the risk of prison because the government doesn't provide his impoverished community with seeds to produce anything else. Paraguay's anti-drug chief Luis Rojas says marijuana is illegal and farmers should choose other crops as sources of income. He says pot might be more lucrative, but argues that farmers don't depend on it for their survival. □

## Brazil judge convicts Odebrecht of slave-like conditions

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Odebrecht, Brazil's biggest construction company, has been convicted of submitting workers to slave-like conditions at a sugar and ethanol plant being built in Angola, prosecutors said Wednesday. The labor prosecutor's office said in statement that Judge Carlos Alberto Frigieri on Tuesday ordered Odebrecht to pay 50 million reais (\$13 million) in damages to the estimated 400 workers affected. The statement said that

Odebrecht lured Brazilian workers to Angola where subsidiaries based in the African country forced them to work without proper visas and under unsanitary working conditions. Frigieri ruled that because Odebrecht headed the entire project it was responsible for the treatment of the workers. He also ruled the illegal importation of the workers and restriction of their movements constituted human trafficking. In a statement, Odebrecht

said Brazilian courts had no jurisdiction over the case because the subsidiaries submitted the workers to slave-like conditions and as such it had no direct control over the alleged abuses. It said it would appeal the ruling. The ruling came about two months after the company's president Marcelo Odebrecht was arrested for his alleged involvement in the massive corruption scandal at Petrobras, Brazil's state-owned oil com-

pany. He was arrested on charges of cartel formation, money laundering and diversion of public funds. According to prosecutors, the scheme at Petrobras involved roughly \$2 billion in bribes and other illegal funds. Some of that money was allegedly funneled back to campaign coffers of the ruling party and its allies. It also allegedly included the payment of bribes to Petrobras executives in return for inflated contracts. □





## Three of Aruba's top chefs vie for the Iron Chef Aruba title



**Oranjestad** – The much-anticipated Iron Chef Aruba competition, produced by Island Temptations magazine and being held during the Aruba Tourism Authority's first annual Restaurant Week, will feature three of Aruba's top chefs vying for the title won two years ago by Chef Urvin Croes from White Modern Cuisine and The Kitchen Table by White. This year's Iron Chef Aruba will take place at The Alhambra Ballroom on Thursday, October 8th. The field of chefs represents Aruba's international culinary scene with Executive Chef Steven Toeve (United States), Executive Chef Teddy Bouroncle (Peru), and Executive Chef Ever de Pena (Aruba) vying for the trophy this year.

### About the Competitors:

#### Executive Chef Steven Toeve

*-The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba*  
Chef Steven spent his early years shucking clams and fishing on a family fishing boat off of the waters of Narragansett Bay in Bristol, Rhode Island. Throughout his childhood, he was fascinated by food and began cooking at local clam shacks, and later Italian restaurants throughout the area. After studying engineering in college, and working in restaurant

his career. He has served as a regional finalist in the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs young chef competition, has cooked at the James Beard House in 2010, participated in the 2013 Cayman Cookout in the Cayman Islands, and was the founder of Desert Ridge Pit Masters, winning numerous awards on Arizona's BBQ circuit.

#### Executive Chef Teddy Bouroncle

*-Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino*

Chef Bouroncle is a Peruvian native with more than a dozen years of culinary experience. The chef began his career in the United States, while also garnering further international experience and honing his individual culinary style with posts in Spain, Colombia, and Singapore. Prior



to his arrival on Aruba, he was executive chef and food and beverage director at JW Marriott Cusco in Peru. Teddy oversees all daily kitchen operations and menus at the various restaurants and bars at the three Marriott properties here on the island.

#### Executive Chef Ever de Pena

*-Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa*

Chef Ever is the young gun in the competition, turning 30 years old last month. Born in Venezuela but raised in Aruba, Ever entered the apprenticeship program at the local vocational high school at the age of 15, and for five years combined school and hands-on training in some of Aruba's finest restaurants under the watchful eye of the island's top chefs. As executive chef at Manchebo, overseeing the menus and kitchen operations, Ever is on a culinary fast track, deftly composing beautiful dishes with subtle and complex flavors.

In addition to the Iron Chef competition, three of Aruba's best bartenders go head-to-head in the Bartenders Brawl, being held during the cocktail hour preceding the live, onstage chef competition that will have a challenging mystery basket component.

Guests attending Island Temptations' Iron Chef Aruba will enjoy sampling cocktails from the Bartenders Brawl prior to dinner, followed by a gourmet four-course dinner paired with wine from Aruba's leading spirit distributors, Romar Trading, PepiaEst, and Arion Wine Company. Foodies and wine lovers mark your calendars! Seating is limited for this finale event of Restaurant Week. IronChef Aruba is graciously sponsored by the Aruba Tourism Authority, Divi Resorts, Alhambra Casino & Shops, ASD Aruba Hotel & Restaurant, Equipment Supplies, Romar Trading, Arion Wine Company, PepiaEst, U.S. Meat Export Federation, DJ Vibe, and Caribbean Overseas. □





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--According to Thomson Reuters: Travel to Colombia is roughly 36% cheaper than a year ago; Savvy travelers take notice.

**BOGOTA, Colombia, August 28, 2015** – Over the last decade, Colombia has remarkably and steadily grown as a popular tourist destination, and it shows no signs of slowing down. The country's close proximity to the U.S. (2.5 hours from Miami to Cartagena), its attractive no season climate, lack of Visa requirements and a variety of activities ranging from white sand beaches to adventures places full of historical, cultural and magical experiences, all make this country a top-notch destination in Latin America. And now, travel to and operation within the country can be done at essentially a forty percent discount, due to the recent devaluation of the Colombian peso. Everything from cuisine and

shopping to adventure and lodging can be experienced with a smaller budget. As an example, last

only US\$66. Now, more than ever, travelers can up their game and experience a more



year, travelers could expect to pay approximately US\$51 (or \$97,500 Colombian pesos) for a three course meal in Cartagena. Today, you could have the same meal for approximately US\$20 less at US\$32. In the same vein, a designer women's swimsuit would retail for approximately US\$105 in 2014, whereas today, you'd be able to purchase that same suit for

sophisticated, top-tier Colombian lifestyle with any and all hotels, tours and attractions that are priced in pesos (which is most of them). While the bigger value the US dollar carries in Colombia right now certainly helps, the addition of new direct flight paths and a booming hotel infrastructure has attracted a huge increase in American visi-

tors, who are travelling largely to Bogota, Cartagena, Medellin and Santa Marta.

Air connectivity has been a big priority for Colombia these past few years. Currently there are 247 direct weekly flights from the United States, connecting nine U.S. cities (Miami, Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Houston, Washington D.C., Orlando, Dallas and Fort Lauderdale) with six Colombian cities (Cartagena, Bogota, Medellin, Barranquilla, Armenia and Cali). Most recent new routes include an American Airlines route from Miami to Barranquilla, which launched in June of 2015 and an Avianca route from Los Angeles to Bogota. This December, Delta will also begin connections from Atlanta to Cartagena and Medellin, which will likely help boost higher-end travel to Colombia. And what's more, these non-stop flights are affordable, averaging

below \$500 all year round. Even during the holidays, Americans can escape the cold at these prices with a non-stop flight from New York City (JFK) to Cartagena (CTG) over Thanksgiving for US\$484.

Additionally, from the 7th until the 16th of September, Avianca and Procolombia will promote 25 cities in Colombia with discounts in airplane tickets from 15% to 50% off. This campaign, with the name "Colombia is Magical Realism" will benefit 22 different countries. From the USA cities such as Miami, New York, Washington, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, San Francisco, Chicago, Dallas, LA and Houston will have great deals to visit Colombia.

As for hotels, Colombia has worked to provide an expansive offering of hotels across the board to better accommodate the influx of airline passengers.

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The symbolic honorary titles are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. Eduardo and Mrs. Ana Maria Pallarés from Miranda, Caracas, Venezuela, and Mr. Gustavo and Mrs. Annette Palmar Ricon from Zulia, Maracaibo, Venezuela. The honorees are loyal

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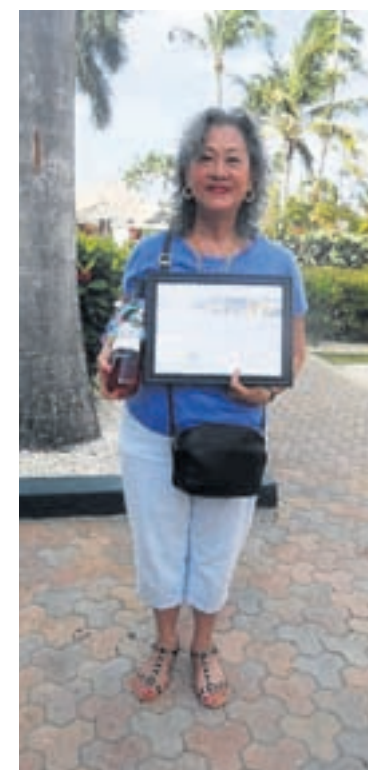
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derful vacation. The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Monique Silvanía and GM Mr. Bob Curtis representing the Casa Del Mar. □







**WNBA Capsules**  
**Rodgers ties**  
**career**  
**high with 23 points,**  
**Liberty beat Dream**

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sugar Rodgers made five 3-pointers and equaled a career high with 23 points to help the New York Liberty beat the Atlanta Dream 80-75 in overtime on Tuesday.

Matee Ajavon made a layup with 24 seconds remaining to get Atlanta within one. But Tanisha Wright answered with two free throws and, after Shoni Schimmel's missed 3-pointer, made two more with one second left.

The Liberty's Epiphanny Prince hit a 3-pointer with 2:34 left in regulation to tie it at 67, and neither team scored again in the fourth. Tina Charles added 17 points for New York (21-8), which is one win shy of matching the franchise record set in 2010.

Angel McCoughtry led Atlanta (12-18) with 25 points after not starting for a second straight game.

**FEVER 81, SUN 51**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Tami-ka Catchings had 13 points as the Fever beat the Sun to reach the playoffs for a WNBA-record 11th straight season.

Indiana snapped a three-game losing streak and swept the four-game season series with Connecticut.

Maggie Lucas and Natalie Achonwa each scored 11 for Indiana (18-12). The Fever went 15 for 15 at the line and outrebounded the Sun 39-26.

Connecticut did not reach double-digit scoring until the 5:28 mark of the second quarter. The Sun scored seven points in the first quarter and eight in the second to trail 41-15 at the break. □

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**Nadal gets past the**  
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Rafael Nadal, of Spain, reacts after a point against Diego Schwartzman, of Argentina, during the second round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, in New York.  
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# After hiatus, Tim Howard won't be U.S. starter vs Mexico

IAN QUILLEN

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Tim Howard returned to the U.S. soccer team knowing he'd be playing behind Brad Guzan at least through mid-October. Just don't call the 2014 World Cup standout a "backup."

After coach Jurgen Klinsmann Wednesday said Guzan would remain his starting goalkeeper — barring injury — through a critical playoff match against Mexico, Howard refuted the suggestion he'd view himself differently.

"Never been a backup," Howard said. "I think that's a mentality. I work my tail off every day. I know what it means to compete at the highest level, to have a certain level of excellence, and I do that. I've never been a backup, I never will be."

The 36-year-old Howard has started for the U.S. at



In this July 1, 2014, file photo, United States' goalkeeper Tim Howard gets ready to kick the ball during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Belgium and the USA at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil.

Associated Press

the past two World Cups. He announced his year-long hiatus from international play following the 2014 tournament.

The 30-year-old Guzan moved into the starting spot during a stretch that has included surprising ex-

hibition wins over Germany and the Netherlands, and a 2-1 loss to Jamaica in July's CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinals.

Mexico won that tournament, forcing an Oct. 10 meeting with the U.S. for the right to represent the

CONCACAF region at the 2017 Confederations Cup. Klinsmann cited those high stakes as a reason not to introduce a goalkeeping battle, and said he discussed it with Howard beforehand.

"Tim accepted that," Klinsmann said. "Now, it's really about getting some consistency with the players and getting a job done in October."

Exhibitions against Peru on Friday and Brazil on Tuesday represent final tune-ups before the playoff. Klinsmann did say he may consider "splitting time" between the duo after October.

Klinsmann left former captain and midfielder Landon Donovan off the 2014 World Cup roster after Donovan took four months away from club and country from December 2012 to March 2013. Donovan cited a loss of love for the sport when he took the break. He re-

tired at the end of 2014.

Howard says his was more practical, rooted in a need to spend more time with family and focus on continuing as the regular starter for Everton in the English Premier League.

"I never lost that passion," Howard said of international play. "I've been excited about this team. I've missed it. I took a year out for my own reasons, for the right reasons, and one of those reasons wasn't because I've lost any passion."

Klinsmann said Howard's experience will be a valuable component in the leadup to October, even if it comes from the sidelines.

"His experience and who he is and what he's done, he immediately will balance things out," Klinsmann said. "He will calm people down. He will kind of look around and give you his two thoughts on things, which is great." □

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## Wing, Berry in tight battle for Steelers punter

**WILL GRAVES**

**AP Sports Writer**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — The punting competition that wasn't supposed to be much of a competition has become something else entirely for Brad Wing and Jordan Berry.

In a largely meaningless game for every other potential starter on the Pittsburgh Steelers roster, the two Australians have no idea how things are going to shake out in and following Thursday night's exhibition finale against Carolina. Will it come down to one final kick? Or will it be an overall grade following six months of practicing side by side? They haven't a clue.

"You've just got to hope the work you've put in is enough for the coaches," Wing said.

Their respective preseasons have been pretty much a wash. Berry is averaging 49.5 yards a punt, with Wing checking in at 49.1. Berry's net is more than 4 yards better (40.9 to 36.5) but Wing has been the steadier of the two.

Of course, none of that could matter when the roster is trimmed to 53. Consider this: The Steelers have gone through eight punters since 2006, averaging basically a new guy back there behind long snapper Greg Warren every year.

Wing was serviceable if hardly spectacular during his rookie year in 2014, winning the job basically by default after a family emergency forced Adam Podlesh to stay home. He found himself an unlikely adversary over the winter when the Steelers signed

Berry, who spent four years at Eastern Kentucky, then moved back to Australia. He quite literally flipped burgers before taking an office job in hopes of earning enough money to return to the U.S. and find a job as a professional. The fact he got a chance in the NFL is merely a bonus. The two countrymen aren't friends exactly, but they aren't enemies either.

"It's not ideal, but that's the way the system is set up," Berry said.

And the system calls for there to be only one survivor. Wing likes to think the fact he has a full season of doing it when it counts gives him an edge, even if it's only in his mind.

"I feel I have it over him," Wing said. "I have the experience."

The key for Wing will be finding a way to press it. Special teams coach Danny Smith has taken great pains to make sure they get equal reps, though they both admit they don't spend a lot of time watching what the other is doing. They're different kickers with different styles. A little tip now and then is appreciated, but it's not like they're going to make drastic changes.

"You can't watch another punter and pick up their habits," Wing said. "QB's don't throw the same. You've got to watch yourself, work with yourself."

Even if that leads to some counterintuitive thinking. The only person in black and gold who gets excited on fourth down might be Wing. Sure, he wants the offense to score, but when that doesn't happen, he's only too happy to go out

and do his job. The same goes for Berry, whose favorite kinds of games are the low-scoring variety that allow him to go out and let it loose.

Hey, it beats working at McDonald's, something Berry believes he's put behind him no matter how things fall. □



In this Sept. 28, 2014, file photo, Pittsburgh Steelers punter Brad Wing (9) gets a punt off during the first quarter of an NFL football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Pittsburgh.

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# Feeling 'tight,' Serena Williams moves forward in Slam bid

**HOWARD FENDRICH**  
**AP Tennis Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The enormity of what is at stake for Serena Williams at the U.S. Open — the first true Grand Slam in tennis in more than a quarter of a century — hit her Wednesday.

That, she said, is why her play was so uneven in the second round at Flushing Meadows, despite facing a qualifier ranked only 110th.

And it's why, after the 10 double-faults, two dozen other unforced errors and an all-around sloppy first set, Williams got pointers from coach Patrick Mouratoglou and headed straight to a practice court to put in work, hoping to repair what plagued her during a 7-6 (5), 6-3 victory over Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands.

"Today, I was a little tight," Williams said. "I think it showed."

Sure did. She got broken early. She double-faulted four times — yes, four — in one game. She didn't manage to earn a break point against the strong-serving Bertens until the 10th game. Williams trailed 5-3 in the first set, finally broke for 5-all, but then needed to erase a 4-0 deficit in the tiebreaker.

All attributable, at least in part, to thinking about what she is trying to accomplish these two weeks. "Until today, I was OK with it. I just got a little nervous today," the 33-year-old American said. "But I've been doing totally fine. I've been completely relaxed, chill. I've been really, really fine. So I'm going to get back into the place that I was, and I'll be fine again." She has won the past four major titles, a streak that began at last year's U.S. Open, and 21 overall. If she can win five more matches at Flushing Meadows — starting in the third round against Bethanie Mattek-Sands in an all-U.S. matchup Friday — Williams would complete the first calendar-year Grand Slam in tennis since Steffi Graf in 1988.



**Serena Williams returns a shot to Kiki Bertens, of the Netherlands, during the second round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, in New York.**

**Associated Press**

Also on the line for Williams: A 22nd major singles championship would equal Graf for the most in the Open era, which began in 1968, and second-most in history behind Margaret Court's 24. Plus, Williams is trying to become the first woman since Chris Evert in 1975-78 to win four consecutive U.S. Opens.

"Right now, she's on a mission to get a record," said Mattek-Sands, a 30-year-old wild-card entry, "and I'm here, playing my game."

Up and down all afternoon in Arthur Ashe Stadium, the No. 1-seeded Williams had trouble finding her game against Bertens, who only once made it as far as the third round in 14 majors.

On one point, Williams hit a 125 mph ace. On the next, she double-faulted. On one, she smacked a swinging forehand volley winner, bringing Mouratoglou to his feet in the stands. On the next, she pushed nearly the same shot wide with Bertens out of position.

Perhaps Williams was a tad rusty. In the first round, Williams' opponent, Vitalia Diatchenko, hurt her left foot while running sprints before the match and could barely move. Williams won 32 of 37 points in that one, which lasted about a half-hour until Diatchenko stopped playing while down 6-0,

2-0.

"I definitely feel like I was definitely a little colder," Williams said. "But ... that is no excuse."

Williams complained earlier this season about a sore right elbow, and in one of her only two losses in 52 matches this season, at Toronto in August, she double-faulted 12 times.

That defeat came against Swiss teen Belinda Bencic, who is seeded 12th in New York and was drawn to possibly face Williams in the quarterfinals. Another potential opponent for Williams at that stage would be her older sister Venus, who played her second-round match later Wednesday.

## European Tour makes exception for Rory McIlroy's injury



**In this May 17, 2015, file photo, Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, chips to the 15th green during the final round of the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C.**

**Associated Press**

**VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP)** — Rory McIlroy will be able to compete in the Race to Dubai even though he will fall short of the minimum 13 tournaments required by the European Tour.

Keith Pelley, the new chief executive of the European Tour, says he consulted with McIlroy and medical officials before agreeing to make an exception for the world's No. 1 player.

McIlroy missed two months this summer because of an ankle injury. He missed three events on the European schedule — the Scottish Open, British Open and Bridgestone Invitational.

He has played nine European events. Players are required to play 13 to be eligible for the Race to Dubai.

McIlroy says he is kept from adding four more events through global commitments, such as the FedEx Cup on the PGA Tour, and his recovery program that limits how many weeks he can play in a row. □



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# Gardner homers for Yankees in 3-1 win against Red Sox

The Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — Brett Gardner homered and Stephen Drew hit a two-run double as the New York Yankees pieced together just enough offense to overcame Rick Porcello's career-high 13 strikeouts and beat the Boston Red Sox 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Porcello (6-12) scattered five hits over eight innings and the only earned run he allowed was Gardner's solo homer in the eighth. However, the Red Sox gave him little support at the plate, stranding seven runners.

Michael Pineda (10-8) pitched six strong innings for the Yankees, scattering four hits and striking out seven and Andrew Miller picked up his 29th save as New York evened the series at one game apiece.

Boston had a promising rally going in the eighth that quickly fizzled on an attempted double steal.

## RAYS 11, ORIOLES 2

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — J.P. Arencibia homered and drove in six runs to back an impressive pitching performance by Drew Smyly, and Tampa Bay cruised past Baltimore.

Brandon Guyer had four hits for the Rays, who scored four runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to send the Orioles to their 12th loss in 13 games.

Tampa Bay has won three in a row to get back to .500 and stay in the hunt for the final AL wild card spot.

Smyly (2-2) struck out 10 over seven scoreless innings. The left-hander allowed four hits, walked one and retired the final 10 batters he faced.

It was his fourth start since returning from a 3 1/2-month stay on the disabled list with a torn left labrum.

Chris Tillman (9-10) gave up seven runs and eight hits in 4 2/3 innings.

## BLUE JAYS 5, INDIANS 3, 10 INNINGS

**TORONTO (AP)** — Ryan Goins hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th in-

ning and Toronto snapped Cleveland's six-game winning streak.

Yan Gomes hit two home runs and Michael Brantley also connected but it wasn't enough for the Indians.

Toronto's Edwin Encarnacion went 0 for 2 with a walk and a sacrifice fly, ending his career-high hitting streak at 26 games.

Dioner Navarro singled off Bryan Shaw (3-3) to begin the 10th and was replaced by pinch-runner Ezequiel Carrera.

One out later, Goins drilled the game-winning homer into the right field bullpen, his fifth.

Mark Lowe (1-2) got one out for the victory as AL East-leading Toronto won for the fourth time in five games and remained 1 1/2 games ahead of the New York Yankees, who beat Boston 3-1.

## TWINS 8, WHITE SOX 6

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Miguel Sano's towering home run tied the game for Minnesota in the seventh inning, and two Chicago errors aided the go-ahead rally in the eighth to help the Twins beat the White Sox.

Eduardo Escobar's leadoff double, his third hit, started the trouble for Zach Duke (3-5), who threw away a sacrifice bunt attempt by Kurt Suzuki for one run.

Third baseman Tyler Saladino let a grounder go through his legs, and the Twins scored twice more on a single and a sacrifice fly. Kevin Jepsen (3-6) pitched a perfect eighth inning for the win.

Glen Perkins recorded his 32nd save, his first in 16 days, despite a three-hit ninth that included an RBI single by Saladino.

Avasail Garcia's two-run homer in the sixth inning gave Chris Sale and the White Sox a 4-3 lead.

## TIGERS 6, ROYALS 5

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Justin Verlander threw his fifth consecutive quality start, and Ian Kinsler homered and drove in three

runs to help Detroit snap a four-game losing streak.

The Tigers had lost nine of 10 to drop into last place in the AL Central.

Verlander (3-6) limited the Royals to seven hits and four runs, two unearned, over 6 2/3 innings.

He has a 0.76 ERA in his past five starts and the Tigers' lone two victories since Aug. 19, including a one-hit shutout of the Angels in his previous outing.

Johnny Cueto (2-4), who the Royals acquired in a July 26 trade with Cincinnati, allowed four runs on nine hits over six innings. Cueto has given up 38 hits in his past four starts, the most hits he has allowed in his career over a four-start span.

## MARINERS 7, ASTROS 5

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Logan Morrison's tiebreaking two-run pinch-hit homer in the eighth inning lifted Seattle past Houston.

The game was tied 5-5 when Morrison hit the third pinch-hit homer of his career, sending a pitch from Pat Neshek (3-4) into the seats in right field.

Franklin Gutierrez hit a solo homer in the second and Mark Trumbo, who homered twice on Monday, added a two-run shot off the train beyond Houston's left-center field wall to give Seattle a 5-3 lead in the fifth.

Jose Altuve hit an RBI single with two outs in the sixth to get Houston within 1.

The Astros tied it up when Jake Marisnick scored from third on an error by catcher John Hicks when he tried to pick off Altuve at second base.

Logan Kensing (1-0) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win and Tom Wilhelmson threw a perfect ninth for his seventh save.

## ANGELS 6, ATHLETICS 2

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Kole Calhoun had three hits, including his 21st home run of the season, to back a strong start by Matt Shoemaker, and Los Angeles snapped a four-game losing streak. □



New York Yankees' Stephen Drew follows through on a two-run double as Boston Red Sox catcher Blake Swihart, left, watches during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, at Fenway Park in Boston.

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# David Rudisha to race against the clock in 800m in Zurich

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**Associated Press**

**ZURICH (AP)** — After announcing his return to the top with a second world championship title in Beijing last month, 800-meter world record holder David Rudisha is aiming to run even faster at the Weltklasse Zurich meet on Thursday.

Rudisha has had a difficult time since breaking the world record at the 2012 London Olympics. The Kenyan missed the 2013 world championships with a bad knee and struggled to get back his sharpness.

"It has been tough 2013, 2014. I've been struggling a lot coming back," Rudisha said. "I wasn't training well and after missing competition, missing training for a year, things change. My body was like uh-uh, it was like it had forgotten everything so I had to work my way up there."

"But I was always optimistic about getting back up there... The good thing is to be strong mentally and I think that helped me. This world championships was very important for my comeback. I'm now looking forward to next year which is a big year with the Olympics in Rio."

Unlike the wire-to-wire run in London — where he became the first runner to break the 1:41 barrier for 800m — Rudisha landed the world title with a tactical race in Beijing, but he has promised to test himself



**Men's 800m gold medal winner Kenya's David Rudisha poses for a photo during the medal ceremony at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing, Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

against the clock in Zurich. "1:43.5 was my season best in New York," the 26-year-old said. "Since then I've been racing my races more tactical because of my preparation for the world championships, you saw I did a tactical race in Beijing. "Now that's over I'm thinking of pushing a little bit and seeing how far I can go. I've been training very well and I believe I'm in a better shape than 1:43.5."

Two of the favorites didn't qualify for the final in Bei-

jing — defending champion Mohammed Aman of Ethiopia and Olympic silver medalist Nijel Amos of Botswana.

Rudisha will have to deal with Aman in Zurich as well as Adam Kszczot and Amel Tuka, who finished second and third at the world championships.

Rudisha is one of 20 individual world champions from Beijing who will be competing at Letzigrund Stadium, although the all-star cast doesn't include Usain Bolt or Justin Gatlin.

Sprint supremo Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce will be there, sporting another new hairstyle after clinching a third world championship with her plaits dyed green and a headband of daisies around her forehead.

"Each time I get to the championships, it's like my body knows it's at the championships," Fraser-Pryce said. "Each time I start to think about my hair, to change the color, I know it's championship time."

"I'm hoping to do a personal best here."

Fraser-Pryce did not defend her 200-meter title in Beijing but the two-time Olympic champion in the 100 will be aiming to get her first gold in the 200 at Rio de Janeiro next year — after finishing second in London. "Next year I will be attempting both," the 28-year-old Jamaican said. "When I saw the speed the 200 went at (at the worlds) I thought 'OMG, thank God I wasn't in there.'"

"Next year's going to be an awesome year for women's 200. It gives me a new goal to focus on. Now that I've seen the level the 200 is going in I'm looking forward to taking the step up and really going for it." Fraser-Pryce is unbeaten since May and another victory would secure her the Diamond Race title — one of 16 at stake.

One of the most competitive events in Zurich will be the 400, which sees the fastest six finalists from Beijing. Wayde van Niekerk's winning time of 43.48 took the South African to fourth on the world all-time list, but LaShawn Merritt of the United States and Grenada's Kirani James will be out for revenge after finishing second and third.

Meanwhile, fresh from winning the world triple jump title with the second-farthest mark in history, Christian Taylor of the United States will try to challenge Olympic, world and European champion Greg Rutherford in the long jump. □

## Landa wins 11th Spanish Vuelta stage, Aru takes overall lead

**CORTALS D'ENCAMP, Spain (AP)** — Mikel Landa of Spain raced ahead to climb the final ascent alone and win the 11th stage of the Spanish Vuelta in the Pyrenees on Wednesday, while Italy's Fabio Aru finished second to claim the overall race leader's jersey.

Ian Boswell of the United States finished third in a tough 138-kilometer run from Andorra La Vella to Cortals d'Encamp.

Joaquin Rodriguez of Spain is second overall, 27 sec-

onds behind, and overnight leader Tom Dumoulin of Netherlands dropped to third, another three seconds back.

Landa chose his moment at the foot of the Cortals d'Encamp summit and quickly built a lead of two minutes from the pursuing group which contained Aru and Nelson Oliveira.

The 25-year-old Astana rider said he chose to attack without consulting his team because he was feeling strong. "I needed this,"

Landa said. "I managed to enjoy riding my cycle."

"Aru has made a strong claim in the overall race and let's hope he can build on this and hang onto his lead so that he can go on to win the Spanish Vuelta," Landa said of his teammate.

Tour de France winner Chris Froome fell shortly after the beginning of a mountain stage containing four category-one summits and appeared to injure his knee.

However, despite looking

troubled and shaking his head frequently while on the four steep category one climbs in the stage, the British rider recovered sufficiently to finish the day in 15th place overall — 7 minutes, 30 seconds behind Landa.

Spain's state broadcaster TVE said a motorcycle carrying one of its cameramen had collided with a rider at the beginning of the category one Collada de Beixalis ascent.

Tinkoff Saxo later confirmed

on the team's Twitter account that its Portuguese rider Sergio Paulinho had been forced to abandon the race "after being hit by reckless TV motorbike."

The Russian-owned team had previously said it was seeking compensation from Spain's Vuelta organizers for an accident involving Peter Sagan and a following motorcycle that caused its rider to fall and retire during the eighth stage of the race on Saturday. □



# Apple wants to guide your news consumption with News app

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AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Apple wants to be a central part of how you consume news. The iPhone maker has forged partnerships with CNN, National Geographic and others — more than 50 companies so far, representing hundreds of outlets. Apple will launch a News service on iPhones and iPads as part of a free software update this month. That means millions of devices will get the app on the home screen, with no separate download required.

Here's what's known so far:

## HOW IT WORKS

You begin by choosing at least three news topics or outlets of interest. Topics include "cooking," "science" and "dogs," while outlets include Hearst and BuzzFeed.

You get a customized feed of news. Just tap on any item to get the story in a layout that resembles a print publication — without a lot of clutter found on many websites these days. The app offers uniform navigation, but publishers can customize the presentation to reflect their brands, says Troy Young, president of Hearst Magazines Digital

Media.

You can search for stories or browse by topic or outlet. You can like or share stories, or save them to read offline. Your interactions will influence future recommendations.

Although Apple has partnerships with just a few dozen outlets, thousands more are available through a feed technology called RSS. These are typically top headlines chosen by the outlet and presented in a standard format that various apps, such as News, can understand. News from The Associated Press will be available through the News app that way.

News outlets choose which stories go into the service, and Apple plans to leave it to its software to organize them. In tests of a preliminary version of News, negative stories about the company are still appearing prominently, alongside news on competitors.

News outlets will experiment. At CNN, for instance, there's a team devoted to adapting and creating content for the News app. For now, CNN isn't planning much with breaking news, as Executive Vice President Andrew Morse sees it as more of a "lean-back storytelling experience," akin to

magazines.

## THE COST

The service is free, and outlets such as The New York Times that usually charge for online access are offering a selection of their stories for free. There will be ads. That's notable as Apple is permitting ad-blocking technology in its Safari Web browser, but not in apps. The outlets keep all revenue from any ads they sell. For ads Apple sells, the outlets get 70 percent.

## OTHER SOURCES FOR NEWS

Ken Doctor, a media analyst for Newsonomics, says many people now get news directly from an outlet's app. Otherwise, they get it from social media, such as Facebook and Twitter. Facebook, for instance, has an initiative called Instant Articles, which promises faster loading of news content on Facebook. Snapchat started a news section called Discover.

Doctor says news aggregators such as Apple's News represent another way of getting news, but they will have to prove compelling enough for readers to spend time there instead. Apple believes it can help you read what you want



The "favorites" section of Apple's new News app is displayed on an iPad, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015 in New York.

Associated Press

to read, without having to do a lot of work finding it. Instead of having to check multiple apps, just go to News.

Publishers see the News app as a way to reach

new audiences. Fred Santarpia, chief digital officer for Conde Nast, says he can't make people come to his company's magazine apps, so "you have to go where they are." □



This is a Friday, Sept. 5, 2014 file photo of a woman as she passes an installation with curved screens, displayed by Samsung at the consumer electronic fair IFA in Berlin, Germany. Europe's flagship gadget show, the IFA in Berlin, opens its doors to the public on Friday Sept. 4, 2015. Almost 1,500 companies and over 250 000 people are expected to visit the event, which runs through Sept. 9.

Associated Press

## Report: Malware targeting Android smartphones on the rise

**BERLIN (AP)** — Malicious software targeting smartphones with the Android operating system is becoming more common, with some handsets already infected when they're bought.

A report by German security firm G DATA found that the samples containing such malware had increased by 25 percent in the second quarter compared with the first three months of the year.

The company's 10th such report, released Wednesday, found that analysts could identify a new strain of malware every 14 seconds.

It says some phones by manufacturers such as Huawei and Xiaomi contain modified apps designed to spy on users or display advertising.

G DATA spokesman Christian Lueg says the phones appear to have been installed by middlemen, but in tracing the source "we lost the trail in China."

Users can detect the malware with free software. □



## Wall Street rebounds a day after plunge

**KEN SWEET**

**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. stocks rebounded Wednesday, recovering a significant portion of their losses from the day earlier. Investors remain on edge after the latest market plunge, which was triggered by more signs of slowing growth in China.

The market still has a lot of ground to make up following last week's major declines.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 293.03 points, or 1.8 percent, to 16,351.38. That index fell more than 470 points the day before. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 35.01 points, or 1.8 percent, to 1,948.86 and the Nasdaq composite rose 113.87 points, or 2.5 percent, 4,749.98.

Tax preparation company H&R Block was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500, rising \$2.47, or 7.5 percent, to \$35.42. The company reported a smaller-than-expected loss and an-

almost daily occurrence in the past month.

"Investors should expect more volatility," said Mark Luschni, chief investment strategist for Janney Montgomery Scott. "The market needs to work through this correction, and that could take weeks, or maybe months."

While China remains a dominant force in traders' minds, investors are now turning their attentions toward the U.S.

A private survey showed that U.S. businesses added jobs at a steady pace last month, with construction and manufacturing showing solid gains.

The payroll processor ADP said businesses added 190,000 jobs last month, up from 177,000 in July, but below a six-month high set in June of 231,000.

The ADP report comes two days before Friday's August jobs report. Economists are forecasting that U.S. employers created 220,000 jobs in August, and that the

the meeting.

China remains in focus across financial markets. The Shanghai composite index opened more than 4 percent lower, but turned positive by midday and eventually ended the day down just 0.2 percent. The volatile trading led some analysts to suspect Beijing was intervening to support share prices before a two-day holiday.

Tracking Chinese shares, other Asian benchmarks swung between gains and losses. Hong Kong's Hang Seng sank 1.2 percent. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index slipped 0.4 percent.

Europe closed modestly higher. Germany's DAX rose 0.3 percent, France's CAC 40 rose 0.3 percent and the U.K.'s FTSE 100 rose 0.4 percent.

Oil ended a choppy day higher after an Energy Department report showed a decline in fuel supplies, which suggests rising demand.



Freshly cut stacks of \$100 bills make their way down the line at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Western Currency Facility in Fort Worth, Texas. U.S. banks' earnings jumped 7.3 percent in the April-June period from a year earlier, the FDIC reported Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

## US bank earnings go up 7.3% in April-June quarter: report

**MARCY GORDON**

**AP Business Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. banks' earnings jumped 7.3 percent in the April-June period from a year earlier as revenues increased and the volume of soured loans banks had to write off fell to the lowest level since before the financial crisis.

The data issued Wednesday by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. showed continued improvement for the banking industry seven years after the crisis struck. The number of "problem" banks continued to fall and some big banks had reduced expenses for legal settlements following large amounts paid out previously to resolve crisis-related cases.

The FDIC reported that U.S. banks earned \$43 billion in the second quarter, up from \$40.1 billion a year earlier.

Nearly 60 percent of banks reported an increase in profit from a year earlier. Only 5.6 percent of banks were unprofitable.

"The banking industry had another positive quarter as recent trends have continued," FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg said at a news conference. Still, he noted, low interest rates continued to crimp banks' profit margins on loans during the April-June period. Higher interest rates could be on the horizon if the Federal Reserve raises a key rate later this month. An increase by the Fed has

been widely anticipated, but it has been thrown in doubt in recent weeks by global turmoil in stock markets fueled by economic disruption in China.

Banks are getting ready for higher interest rates, said James Chessen, chief economist at the American Bankers Association. Higher rates could increase the cost for banks to borrow to fund the loans they make. At the same time, bank customers seek long-term loans at low rates, Chessen noted in a statement.

Gruenberg said regulators are working on alerting banks to the potential financial risks of higher interest rates and how they need to address them.

The volume of loans that were written off in the second quarter fell \$1.1 billion, or 11.2 percent, from the same period last year. The rate of those loans declined from 0.5 percent to 0.42 percent, the lowest level since the third quarter of 2006.

Charged-off loans were down for all major categories except commercial and industrial loans, and auto loans, the FDIC reported.

Also, the amount of noncurrent loans, those 90 days or more past due, continued to improve. Lending overall grew by \$437.8 billion, or 5.4 percent from last year's second quarter — the largest percentage gain since mid-2008 and a sign of a healthy banking industry. □



Trader Robert Arciero, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks rebounded Wednesday, recovering a significant portion of their losses from the day earlier.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

nounced a \$3.5 billion stock buyback program.

The market has been bouncing around sharply the last few weeks following signs of weakness in China and uncertainty over when the Federal Reserve will begin raising interest rates. Triple-digit moves in the Dow have been an-

unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent.

It will be the last jobs report Federal Reserve policymakers have before their next policy meeting later this month.

Some economists expect the Fed to raise interest rates for the first time in close to a decade after

The price of oil climbed despite a surprise increase in supplies of crude. U.S. crude rose 84 cents to close at \$46.25 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, rose 94 cents to close at \$50.50 a barrel in London. □



## Volkswagen CEO to have contract extended to 2018

**BERLIN (AP)** — Top directors at German carmaker Volkswagen plan to give a two-year contract extension to CEO Martin Winterkorn, who emerged on top of a power struggle this year with company patriarch Ferdinand Piech. The automaker said Wednesday that the ex-

ecutive committee of its supervisory board agreed to propose to the full board that Winterkorn be granted a contract through the end of 2018 at a meeting scheduled for Sept. 25. Piech, for years Volkswagen's dominant figure, resigned as board chairman

in April. He said in an interview that he was "at a distance" from Winterkorn, but the CEO obtained support from other board members. The extension would keep Winterkorn, who is 68, on the job until he is 71. Piech did not outline publicly his reasons for falling

out with Winterkorn. Volkswagen is profitable and achieved its goal of passing Toyota as the world's largest carmaker over the first six months of this year. But the company has struggled to reduce costs and improve market share in the United States. It now faces slackening

demand in China, which is a key source of sales and profits, as well as headwinds in economically troubled Brazil and Russia. The company is implementing a new modular assembly technique that promises costs savings and more flexible manufacturing. □

## News Corp confirms return of Rebekah Brooks in top role

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**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — News Corp, Rupert Murdoch's media empire, has confirmed that Rebekah Brooks is returning to the top spot in London more than a year after she was acquitted of charges in a hacking scandal that shocked the U.K.

The New York company said Wednesday that Brooks, 47, will be CEO of News UK, returning Monday to a role she left in 2011 amid the hacking scandal at the company's now defunct News of the World paper.

News Corp has spent more than \$500 million in legal settlements with hacking victims and other related costs after it came to light that reporters eavesdropped on private voice-mails of thousands of people.

Brooks began her career at News of the World in 1989. She has long been considered a protegee of Murdoch, who promoted her to senior positions in his British newspaper empire. She had casual access to senior figures in the Brit-



**Rebekah Brooks, former News International chief executive, talks to members of the media in central London. News Corp, Rupert Murdoch's print empire, on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015 said that Brooks will be CEO of News Corp UK, returning to a role she left in 2011 amid the hacking scandal at the company's now defunct News of the World paper. (AP Photo/Letteris Pitarakis)**

ish government, getting advice from former Prime Minister Tony Blair and frequently socializing with Prime Minister David Cameron.

The hacking scandal caused the shutdown of News of the World along with arrests of dozens of journalists, police and other officials, and it had

seemed to put a premature end to her rise as one of Britain's most prominent media chieftains.

But she was acquitted in June 2014 of charges related to the phone hacking, bribing officials and obstructing police. She has said that she didn't know of phone hacking while she was News of the World

editor between 2000 and 2003.

The return of Brooks, who had maintained a low public profile since she and her husband were acquitted, was not welcomed by Labour Party legislator Chris Bryant. He had been a victim of phone hacking. "Rupert Murdoch has just stuck two fingers up to the

British public and the thousands of people whose phones were hacked by News International," he said, referring to a gesture that is considered vulgar in the U.K. "Hundreds of ordinary journalists lost their jobs when Mr. Murdoch closed the News of the World, but it seems Rebekah Brooks is to get very special treatment."

He said the decision is "ludicrously premature" because British prosecutors have said publicly they are mulling corporate charges against News Corp because of its actions.

The company on Wednesday also said that David Dinsmore, the editor of the Sun, would become News UK's COO and named Tony Gallagher as the tabloid's new editor. He has worked for the Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph papers.

News UK today includes the Sun, the Times and the Sunday Times papers.

Brooks will also work on digital efforts at News Corp, which separated from the entertainment conglomerate Twenty-First Century Fox two years ago. □

## Toy maker Lego sees strong growth, profit in all regions

**MATTI HUUHTANEN**

**Associated Press**

**HELSINKI (AP)** — Lego says its popular multi-colored toy blocks were in strong demand around the world in the first half of the year, boosting its earnings and the outlook for the full year. Net profit in the first six months of 2015 was up 30 percent at 3.6 billion kroner (\$543 million) while sales grew to 14.1 billion kroner

from 11.6 billion kroner a year earlier.

The Danish privately-owned company said Wednesday it has expanded factories worldwide and "significantly increased investments," resulting in double-digit growth in all regions, with strongest demand seen in Asia.

CEO Joergen Vig Knudstorp described the result as "highly satisfactory" and

said he expects good earnings for 2015.

"This is especially encouraging since we compare to 2014 when Lego movie products boosted our performance," he said.

Lego, known for its assortment of building blocks for children, also has a host of popular mobile phone apps and theme parks and launched "The Lego Movie" in 2014. The film became

the most popular animated feature of the year and significantly boosted sales.

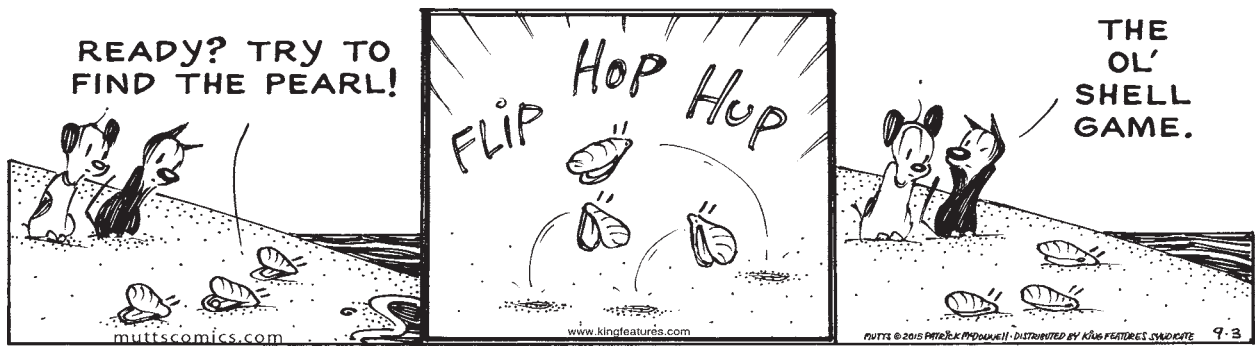
Lego announced in June a 1 billion kroner investment to improve its search for new materials with which to make its toys, which are currently based on petrochemicals. It opened a research center at its Danish headquarters for the purpose. The company says it had more than 300 differ-

ent Lego sets on the market during the first half of 2015, ranging from heroic Ninjas to the detailed Technic mobile crane and fantasy theme Lego Elves.

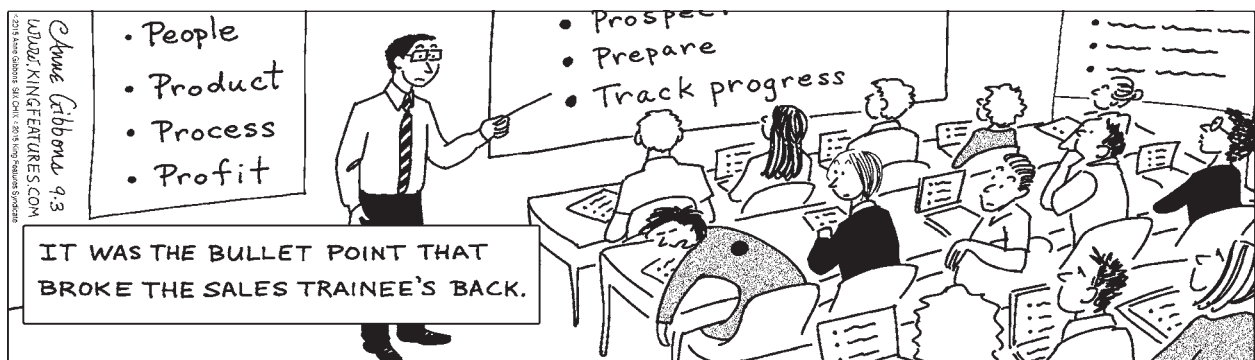
Lego, which is not publicly listed, doesn't release quarterly figures but has published earnings reports since 1997. It is based in Billund, Denmark, and employs 15,000 people, up from 12,500 last year. □



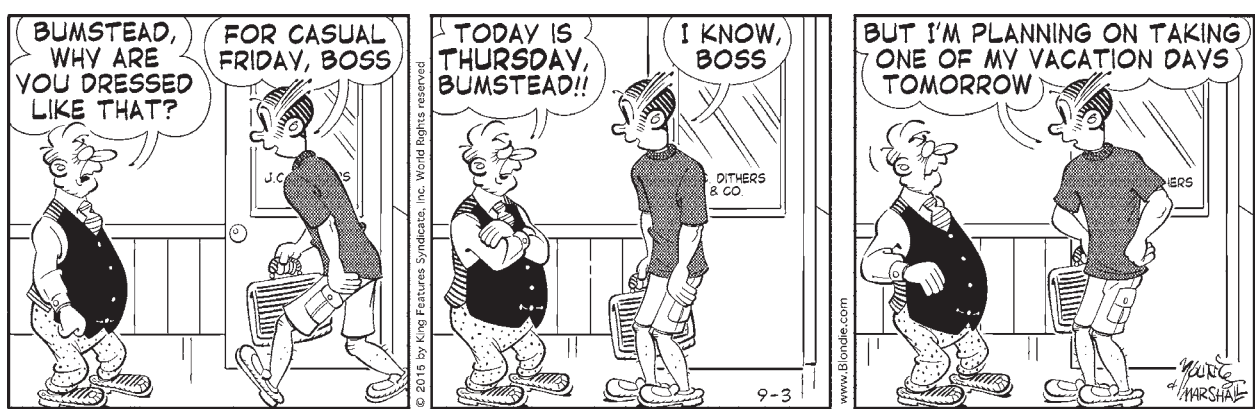
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  - 5 \_\_ queen; very emotional type
  - 6 Vex
  - 7 Useless tumult
  - 8 Sword duelist
  - 9 Actor Williams
  - 10 Like a zebra
  - 11 Common metal
  - 12 Early guitar
  - 13 \_\_ tube; lab bottle
  - 21 Suffix for heir or poet
  - 23 Baby rabbit
  - 25 Highest rank in the army
  - 26 Look for with expectation
  - 27 Pooh's creator
  - 28 Straighten
  - 29 "I've \_\_ it!"; cry of desperation
  - 31 Zeal
  - 32 Uses a Kindle
  - 33 Wooden shoe
  - 35 Singer Stewart
  - 36 Gobbled up

- 38 Bishop's hat
- 39 Source of light and heat
- 42 Turns over a new leaf
- 44 Helpful drawing
- 46 Suitcase
- 47 Desert fruit
- 49 Quick
- 50 Be a freeloader
- 51 News, for short
- 52 Cruel
- 53 French mother
- 54 Tiny fly
- 55 Heart division
- 56 Flightless birds
- 57 Rolls the hair
- 60 Battery size



# Avianca

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While Colombia has recently welcomed new additions from major hotel chains including JW Marriott, InterContinental Hotels Group, Radisson, Accor, Hilton as well as W Hotel, the coming years will see newer luxury chains like the Four Seasons (2015 & 2017), Viceroy (2017) and Ritz-Carlton (TBD), in addition to several others throughout Cartagena and Bogota.

While the inexpensive travel and lodgings are definitely attractive to American visitors, Colombia's character and cultural offerings are also a huge pull. Colombia's diverse cities offer different experiences for different types of travelers. While Bogota showcases its modern city vibe, complete with unmatched cuisine and fashion, Cartagena offers up its unique historic sites. Other regions throughout the country allow travelers to experience Colombian traditions, including the coffee landscape, Spanish architecture, and rural festivals. □

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## Lots of trees to hug: Study counts 3 trillion trees on Earth

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — More than 3 trillion trees now grow on Earth, seven times more than scientists previously thought. But it's also trillions fewer than there used to be, a new study concludes.

A United Nations-affiliated youth group had a goal of planting one billion trees and Yale forestry researcher Thomas Crowther was asked if planting that many trees would do anything to help combat human-made climate change. Trees capture and store heat-trapping carbon dioxide.

Crowther said first he had to figure out how many trees are on Earth and that number was far more than anyone expected: 3.04 trillion trees, according to a study published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*. The previous estimate was 400 billion trees and that rough count was based on satellite images peering down from space. Crowther and colleagues used 429,775 ground-



In this July 25, 2014 file photo, vegetation grows among trees burned by the Rim Fire, near Groveland, Calif.

Associated Press

based measurements along with satellite measurements and computer models to get a more accurate figure.

"These things really dominate our planet," Crowther said. "They are the most prominent organisms on our planet and there are 3 trillion of them."

But Earth used to be covered with far more trees. Using computer models,

Crowther and colleagues estimated that before human civilization Earth had about 5.6 trillion trees. So the number of trees on Earth has been chopped nearly in half.

Crowther mostly blames people. His study found

that 15 billion trees are cut down each year by people, with another 5 billion trees replanted. That's a net loss of 10 billion trees a year. At that rate, all of Earth's trees will be gone in about 300 years.

"Humans are diminishing that huge population on such a global scale," Crowther said.

Nearly 1.4 trillion of Earth's trees are in tropical and subtropical forests, but that's also where the rate of forest loss is the highest, the study found.

So if there are so many trees on the planet, the planting of a billion trees wouldn't do too much to fight climate change on its own, Crowther conceded. But he said that didn't stop the tree planters group; they just upped their goal. On its website, Plant for the Planet says the objective is now 18 billion

Now that's over many decades, and it might be

hard to find space, but it can be done, Crowther said. Outside scientists such as Norm Christensen of Duke University said the way the study was conducted made sense and is well executed. But he wonders how useful it is to know the number of trees. Former U.S. Forest Service chief Mike Dombeck said the same thing, adding the issue is more than a number but the big picture of what trees do to help Earth and local ecosystems.

Crowther said he and his colleagues all wondered the same thing, but the detailed maps of forest density can help conservation efforts. For example, if a jaguar needs a certain number of trees to survive, this can help in rebuilding the right habitat for the large cat, Crowther said.

Also, it spurs people to realize how important it is to take care of and replant forests, Crowther said. □

## Nations' pledges to cut emissions called insufficient

**BONN, Germany (AP)** — Analysts tracking efforts to control greenhouse gas emissions say the reductions pledged by major economies ahead of an envisioned climate pact this year won't be enough to avoid warming the Earth by 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) or more.

That's the benchmark governments have set to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. An analysis presented at U.N. climate talks Wednesday by Climate Action Tracker, a joint project by four European research groups, projected that pledges

made so far would lead to annual emissions of more than 55 billion tons in 2030. It said emissions need to be at least 17 billion tons lower to limit warming be-

low 2 degrees C. The U.S., China and other countries accounting for two-thirds of global gas emissions have announced targets so far. □





## Sony, back in the crosshairs, defends 'Concussion'

JAKE COYLE  
LINDSEY BAHR  
AP Film Writers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Nearly a year after the devastating hacking attack that leaked thousands of emails, Sony Pictures Entertainment again finds itself trying to justify its own inner dealings, this time over the upcoming Will Smith film about head trauma and the NFL, "Concussion."

The question surrounds just how hard-hitting is "Concussion," a film due out in December that dramatizes the forensic pathologist, Dr. Bennet Omalu, who uncovered the fatal effects that repeated head trauma has had on many NFL players.

After a New York Times report on Tuesday, based on leaked emails, that Sony blunted parts of the film to avoid upsetting the NFL, Sony fired back on Wednesday.

In a statement, Sony Pictures called the Times story "misleading" and noted it was written without the benefit of seeing the film.

"As will become immediately clear to anyone actually seeing the movie, nothing with regard to this important story has been 'softened' to placate anyone," said Sony.

Claims that "Concussion" was altered to appease the NFL proved inconclu-

sive following an Associated Press review of the leaked Sony emails regarding the production and positioning of the film.

Instead, the exchanges between Sony Pictures Entertainment executives, lawyers, external consultants and filmmaker Peter Landesman paint a less definitive picture of the behind-the-scenes motivations of script changes and strategy.

"We always intended to make an entertaining, hard-hitting film about Dr. Omalu's David-and-Goliath story, which played out like a Hollywood thriller," said Landesman in a statement to the AP.

"Anyone who sees the movie will know that it never once compromises the integrity and the power of the real story."

While the emails reflect near-constant hand-wringing about NFL backlash, which prompted Sony to hire an independent consultant to manage the communications strategy with the NFL,

the emails also show a rigorous obsession with depicting real people and events with accuracy and fairness. That's not an uncommon practice for any fact-based movie — especially one with awards aspirations.

In early July 2014, Sony ex-



In this Sept. 6, 2013 file photo, director Peter Landesman arrives at the premiere of "Parkland" on day 2 of the Toronto International Film Festival at Roy Thomson Hall, in Toronto.

Associated Press

ecutive Hannah Minghella sent page notes to a group of executives from a pre-greenlight meeting. "Rather than portray the NFL as one corrupt organization can we identify the individuals within the NFL who were guilty of denying/covering up the truth." Landesman has acknowledged a scene featuring NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was cut from the film.

Emails suggest that at one point, he tried to reach out to an NFL executive with the hope of getting more insight into a closed door

conversation he sought to dramatize in the film.

Later in July, Sony chairman Michael Lynton emailed then-co-chair Amy Pascal, writing that Landesman informed him that Sony attorney Aimee Wolfson "took out most of the bite for legal reasons with the NFL." Concerns were motivated not just by the threat of recourse from the NFL, but in antagonizing the enormous potential audience of movie-going football fans. Emails show planning to promote Smith as "pro-football."

In October, Doug Belgrad,

president of Sony's motion picture unit, wrote to a group of executives reiterating their need to fact-check: "If we fudge or embellish the NFL's actions on this issue, it could compromise the success of our pic," he said.

Ultimately, despite the unprecedented glimpse into these internal dealings, more questions are raised than answered as to whether the development and marketing of "Concussion"

is at all different from any other production about a hot-button issue. The leaked emails ran up until December, so they don't cover the last nine months. The film's trailer, which debuted Monday, portrays the NFL as a foreboding opposition to Omalu's heroic whistle-blowing. In it, he's warned: "You're going to war with a corporation that owns a day of the week."

A handful of football reporters and broadcasters who have seen "Concussion," which opens in December, have backed up Sony's defense of the film. NBC's Bob Costas, in a statement supplied by Sony, said: "It doesn't appear to me many punches were pulled."

Sports Illustrated's Peter King, who has also seen the film, called it "a huge black eye for the NFL." □

## Stephen Colbert one-ups Jeb Bush raffle with 1 of his own

FRAZIER MOORE  
AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Score one for Stephen Colbert.

Jeb Bush, a scheduled guest on Colbert's first night hosting CBS' "The Late Show" on Tuesday, recently sent a letter to potential supporters raffling off a "VIP ticket" to the taping in exchange for a \$3 donation to his presidential campaign — a move a CBS entertainment spokesman said wasn't a coordinated tie-in with the show.

So Colbert took things into his own hands: In a video posted Wednesday, he

praised the contest as "a great idea."

"But here's the thing," he said. "No one from Jeb's campaign asked me if this was OK with me to raise money off my first show. Where's my cut of that sweet three bucks, Governor? Huh? "Two can play at this contest," declared Colbert, unveiling his own raffle: For a \$3 (or greater) contribution, you can enter for a chance to be his VIP guest to the premiere taping. The winner gets to bring a friend, and the package also includes flights and accommodations at a four-

star hotel.

And another thing: "The lucky winner will get to submit one non-obscene question that I will ask Governor Bush on September 8th," says Colbert in the video. "For example, one question might be: 'Don't you wish you'd consulted Stephen before launching your contest?'"

Bush responded to Colbert Wednesday evening on Twitter. "I thought the host was Amy Schumer," he deadpanned. "I totally blew it. But since it's you, we're lowering our contest fee to one dollar."



In this Aug. 10, 2015 file photo, Stephen Colbert participates in the "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" segment of the CBS Summer TCA Tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

This "raffle-adjacent" experience is being conducted in partnership with Omaze (an online platform that gives people the chance to win remarkable expe-

riences while supporting social missions), and will benefit The Yellow Ribbon Fund, which supports injured service members and their families. □



## Review: Latest Fargo adventure disappoints

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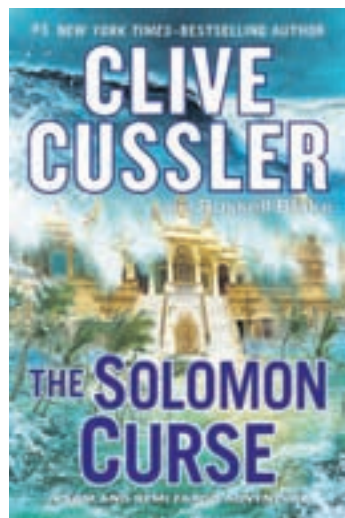
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The latest adventure to feature the husband-and-wife archaeological team of Sam and Remi Fargo has an intriguing premise, but ultimately fails in the delivery of thrills.

An area off the Guadalcanal coast appears to have a major treasure underneath the water, but the locals believe the area is cursed. When the Fargos can get people to talk about the rumors and legends, they talk about cannibal giants who devour anyone who gets too close to the ruins. The place is cursed, but that doesn't stop the Fargos from investigating.

They explore leads from all around the region, but asking questions also puts them in danger. Will they be able to stay alive long enough to find the buried wealth?

The historical material regarding King Solomon and the possibility of giants is fascinating, but the rest of



This photo provided by G.P. Putnam's Sons shows the cover of the book, "The Solomon Curse," by authors Clive Cussler and Russell Blake.

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the story is minimal.

Clive Cussler novels are known for action-adventure mixed with history and heroes battling ruthless villains. In "The Solomon Curse," the Fargos come across as extremely lucky and also weak battling their enemies, and the tale needs someone from NUMA to teach them how to act instead of react. □

## Don DeLillo receiving honorary National Book Award



In this April 9, 2008 file photo, author Don DeLillo speaks at "The Time of His Life: A Celebration of the Life of Norman Mailer" tribute at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Associated Press

HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Don DeLillo is pleased to receive an honorary National Book Award medal for lifetime achievement, but a "little intimidated" by the citation for "Distinguished Contribution to American Letters."

"The kid from the Bronx is still crouching in a corner of my mind," the author of "White Noise," "Underworld" and other novels told The Asso-

ciated Press, responding to questions via fax.

The 78-year-old New York City native was praised Wednesday by the National Book Foundation, which presents the awards, for "a diverse body of work that examines the mores of contemporary modern American culture and brilliantly embeds the rhythms of everyday speech within a beautifully composed, contoured narrative."

The foundation told the AP that Pulitzer Prize winner Jennifer Egan will introduce DeLillo at the 66th annual National Book Awards ceremony, which takes place Nov. 18 in Manhattan. Previous honorary winners include Toni Morrison, Philip Roth and Norman Mailer.

"Don DeLillo is unquestionably one of the greatest novelists of his generation," Harold Augenbraum, the foundation's executive director, said in a statement. "He has had an enormous influence on the two generations of writers that followed, and his work will continue to resonate for generations to come."

DeLillo has long been praised for his uncanny insights on technology, alienation and terrorism, even setting a Grief Management Council in the World Trade Center in his novel "Players," which came out more than 20 years before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. He told the AP that when he looks back on his work he thinks of it "as one writer's shifting response to the challenges and public upheavals of the last 60 or 70 years." "The moments, hours, days and years of Sept. 11 were the terrible reality that shaped one of my novels 'Falling Man,' but I don't think of myself as a writer whose earlier work embodied that event," he said. "I'm reluctant to invoke another act of violence but it's possible that the assassination of President (John F.) Kennedy began to shape me as a writer even before I began work on my first novel."

DeLillo's other books include "Running Dog," "The Names" and "Point Omega." Asked to name some young writers he feels an affinity for, he joked that at his age "they're all younger."

"Lists are a form of cultural hysteria so let's just say that the strong work keeps coming and that the novel as a form continues to provoke innovation on the part of younger writers," he said. □

## Dean Jones, boyish Disney star, dies at 84

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Dean Jones, whose boyish good looks and all-American manner made him Disney's favorite young actor for such lighthearted films as "That Darn Cat!" and "The Love Bug," died of Parkinson's disease in Los Angeles on Sept. 1. He was 84. Publicist Richard Hoffman announced Jones' passing on Wednesday.

Jones' long association with The Walt Disney Co. began after he received an unexpected call from Walt Disney himself, who praised his work on the TV show "Ensign O'Toole," noting it had "some good closing sequences." Jones, himself a former Navy man, played the title role in the 1962 sitcom.

Jones puzzled over Disney's remark until it occurred to him that "Ensign O'Toole" preceded Disney's own Sunday night



In this May 24, 1966 file photo, actor Dean Jones, poses for a photo while on set for the Warner Bros. film, "Any Wednesday," in New York.

Associated Press

show on NBC, and he realized Disney probably only watched each episode's ending.

Two years later, Jones heard from Disney again, calling this time to offer him a role in "That Darn Cat!" opposite ingénue Hayley

Mills. His FBI agent Zeke Kelso follows a crime-solving cat that leads him to a pair of bank robbers.

Released in 1965, it would be the first of 10 Disney films Jones would make, most of them in the supernatural vein.

"I see something in them that is pure form. Just entertainment. No preaching," he told the Los Angeles Times. "We're always looking for social significance but maybe people just like to be entertained." "The Love Bug" (1969) was the most successful of the genre, with Jones playing a struggling race-driver who acquires a Volkswagen that wins races for him. The Bug, named Herbie, has hidden human traits, and when it feels unappreciated it disappears. Jones must rescue Herbie from the hands of his nefarious rival and issue the car an apology before it wins the big race for him.

After "The Love Bug," Jones returned to the stage, winning the lead role of Robert in "Company," Stephen Sondheim's now-classic musical about marital angst, Manhattan-style. □





In this April 28, 2015, file photo, Fox News anchor Harris Faulkner poses for a photo on the set in New York.

Associated Press

## Fox News anchor sues Hasbro over toy hamster with her name

**MICHELLE R. SMITH**  
Associated Press

**PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)** — An anchor for Fox News is suing Hasbro for more than \$5 million over a toy hamster that shares her name — and possibly even her resemblance.

Harris Faulkner sued Hasbro this week over its plastic Harris Faulkner hamster, sold as part of the Pawtucket, Rhode Island-based company's popular Littlest Pet Shop line. She says the toy wrongfully appropriates her name and persona, harms her professional credibility as a journalist and is an insult.

"Hasbro's portrayal of Faulkner as a rodent is demeaning and insulting," says the lawsuit, which was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in New Jersey.

Faulkner has been at Fox News for a decade. She hosts the daytime show "Outnumbered" and anchors a Sunday evening newscast.

Her lawsuit says that in addition to sharing her name, the toy bears a physical resemblance to Faulkner's traditional professional appearance, including its complexion, eye shape and eye makeup design.

The Harris Faulkner toy was introduced in 2014, according to the lawsuit, and was sold in a package as

the pet hamster of a terrier named Benson Detwyler. Other toys in the popular line include animals named Pancakes Watkins, Puffball Petrovsky and Pepper Clark.

The lawsuit says Faulkner never gave permission for Hasbro to use her name or likeness and that she even demanded in January that Hasbro stop using it. More than three weeks later, it was still for sale on Hasbro's website, the lawsuit contends. It says that as of July, Faulkner's name was still being used on a Hasbro website to sell Littlest Pet Shop products, and the plastic hamster that bears her name can still be bought at other online retail stores.

Julie Duffy, a Hasbro spokeswoman, said the company doesn't comment on litigation, but she took issue with the lawsuit's contention that the doll is a "known choking hazard that risks harming small children."

"The Littlest Pet Shop product identified, and all products in the Littlest Pet Shop line, meet and exceed all safety standards," Duffy said.

Faulkner is seeking \$5 million in damages and attorney fees, plus any profits the company made on the toy. □



In this image released by Universal Pictures, Michael Fassbender appears in a scene from the film, "Steve Jobs."

Associated Press

## Review: Gibney presents Steve Jobs' darker side in new docu

**JOCELYN NOVECK**  
AP National Writer

Was Steve Jobs a brilliant visionary whose singular mind, capable of blending art, technology and commerce as never before, inspired the world to "think different" and changed the way we live? Or was he a ruthless businessman who treated co-workers callously, took credit for the work of others, and often acted out of jealousy and spite?

Documentarian Alex Gibney is known for pulling no punches when it comes to his subjects, most famously Scientology in his recent "Going Clear." And so it should come as little surprise that in "Steve Jobs: The Man in the Machine," he comes down heavily on that second, darker image of the Apple CEO. Even if you haven't read much of the copious material out there on Jobs, who died in 2011, you'll know some of this, especially his early attempt to dispute paternity of his first child, Lisa, even as he was raking in millions. But though Gibney doesn't seem to come up with anything truly groundbreaking, there's surely more negative stuff here — and lots more detail — than you've encountered before.

With this, Gibney, a skilled filmmaker, has little trouble holding our attention for

more than two hours. But he raises another tantalizing question, and then doesn't really do enough to answer it: What does our collective adulation of Jobs and his creations say about US? Perhaps it was all too much for one movie. The film begins, wisely, with the stunning reaction to Jobs' death of pancreatic cancer, similar to the grief that erupted with the passing of John Lennon — only expressed in 2011 technology. We see the makeshift shrines outside Apple stores, and the ubiquitous hashtag #iSad.

A young boy explains, incredulously: "He made EVERYTHING!" On the news, Diane Sawyer speaks of "a global wake."

How to explain this impact? Gibney gathers footage both of the brash young Jobs with long hair, proclaiming how the computer, once bulky and scary, will change people's lives, and famously giving the finger to IBM, and the older Jobs, in his second stint with Apple, pacing the stage in his black turtleneck and delighting fans at those much-awaited product launches.

And there are much less flattering elements, in interviews with people who worked with (or loved) Jobs: for example, Bob Belleville, who came over from

Xerox in the '80s. "How bad could this be?" Belleville recounts thinking beforehand. "I didn't realize how bad it could be." The memories cause him to weep.

We hear how Steve Wozniak, the eventual Apple co-founder who began his journey with Jobs in a garage, did much of the work on a video game the duo sold to Atari, but was iced out of most of the money by his friend.

And there's school buddy and Apple employee Daniel Kottke, wondering succinctly: "How much of an asshole do you have to be to be successful?"

Chrisann Brennan, mother of Lisa Brennan-Jobs (Jobs' daughter did not cooperate with the film; nor did his widow, Laurene Powell, or Apple itself), describes telling Jobs she was pregnant and watching him clench his jaw and slam the door. There's also sobering detail on working conditions (and suicide rates) at the Chinese factories where Apple products are made; on a scandal involving Apple stock options; and on Jobs' zealous pursuit of the tech bloggers who wrote about an iPhone 4 prototype accidentally left in a bar. We're also told how, contrary to Bill Gates and his huge philanthropy, Jobs ended Apple's charitable gifts. □



# Cecil and Caitlyn heat up the Halloween costume wars early



**This image shows a model wearing the Caitlyn Corset set and Caitlyn Wig, inspired by Caitlyn Jenner. Petitions and social media outrage are flying over a blood-spattered dentist's smock paired with a Cecil-like lion head, along with a replica of Caitlyn Jenner's joyful lingerie outfit for her coming out on the cover of Vanity Fair.**  
(Spirit Halloween via AP)

**LEANNE ITALIE**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Who gets to decide what grown people wear for Halloween?

Apparently everybody. The Halloween wars focused on pop culture costumes have heated up early this year. Petitions and social media outrage are already flying over a blood-spattered dentist's smock paired with a Cecil-like lion head, along with a replica of Caitlyn Jenner's cream-colored corset set she wore for her joyful coming out on the cover of Vanity Fair. But exactly how do the latest examples in the costume clashes for a holiday differ from always off-base behavior like blackface, ala Julianne Hough, or Prince Harry's turn as a non-Halloween Nazi? Is the rule of "too soon" at

play? Has the digital age spawned an overly politically correct genie with no immediate plans to be stuffed back in the bottle? Richard Lachmann, a professor at the University at Albany who includes Halloween in his sociology of culture course, said costumes seem to be more provocative every year, with equally amped-up backlash. And there's always a base of people who feel it's an "irreligious pagan holiday to begin with and are ready to be upset," he said. Throw in a heavy dose of gore, loaded parody and ultra-sexy costumes, Lachmann added, and Halloween is now a free-for-all debate on decency and where the never-OK line belongs. But is there a line at all? "It seems like there isn't," he said. "The point for adults is to be provocative, to do

something that breaks the lines of what's considered acceptable." The fashion and lifestyle site Refinery29 is one of many online voices decrying Jenner costumes and accessories, calling out one seller of a "Unisex Miss-ter Olympic Wig" that costs \$14.99, in a recent update to a running attempt to take down the gear. Why? Because as the writer, Liz Black, said in her post: "Every Halloween, there always seems to be a need for articles that explain why you shouldn't dress up in a costume that mocks another marginalized culture." At least four online sellers are hawking Jenner stuff, including one of the largest retailers, Spirit Halloween, but opponents have seen little satisfaction as the companies declare it's all in fun. "At Spirit Halloween, we create a wide range of costumes that are often based on celebrities, public figures, heroes and superheroes," said a statement from Lisa Barr, Spirit's senior

director of marketing and creative. "Caitlyn Jenner is all of the above and our exclusive Caitlyn-inspired costume reflects just that." Spirit's version goes for \$49.99. The wig? Sold separately at \$16.99 a pop. Anytimecostumes.com went with a cartoonish, beefy dude in a brown wig to show off its "Call me Caitlyn Unisex Adult Costume" with a sash declaring just that, lest you not realize who it's supposed to be. It comes with a bustier and white shorty shorts for \$74.99. Is it worth blackface-level anger? Lachmann's not convinced. "With blackface there's a link to the whole history of violence against African-Americans," he said, echoing Black's train of thought on what many in the trans community regularly face. "Certainly people can try to convince others that it's not a good idea to wear a certain costume." That's exactly what animal rights activist Doreen Harley in Indianapolis set out to

do in a dustup with Johnathon Weeks, owner in Palm Springs, California, of Costumeish.com. He came up with the "Lion Killer Dentist" costume based on Walter Palmer, the Minnesota dentist who generated a world of wrath when he and his hunting party killed the beloved Cecil in Zimbabwe. Weeks recently put the costume on sale for \$59.99, upping the price to \$99.99. Harley took to Facebook and Twitter to protest, and she started an online campaign to have Weeks pull the costume. She now has a promise from Weeks to donate his profits from the dentist's smock, lion head and bloody surgical gloves to a wildlife organization. "When I saw the costume, that disturbed me that someone was trying to make a profit off of this incredibly disturbing story," Harley said. Does she consider Caitlyn Jenner costumes equally insensitive and disturbing? "I have friends and family that are gay, transgender, lesbian. It does offend me. It's almost like mocking someone. It is offensive to that community. I'm more passionate, I guess, toward animal rights. I have to pick and choose my battles and I'm choosing the Cecil the lion battle right now." She wouldn't say whether she believes the Cecil costume reaches that never-OK line, such as blackface: "I think adults get to decide what they want to wear for Halloween. 'This is the one that stood out for me.'" The lion-hunting dentist is just one of about 14,000 costumes Weeks sells at Costumeish and a larger site, Brandsale.com. So far he has sold 50 bloody dentist costumes. Weeks plans a reverse take on Cecil with a lion suit that comes with a severed human head, and possibly another costume with extra-large trousers and little kids sticking out one side for people looking to dress as Jared Fogle, the fallen Subway pitchman who faces charges of paying for sex with minors and possessing child pornography. □



**This image shows a man holding a fake lion head while dressed as a dentist, a costume referring to the Minnesota dentist who who killed Cecil the lion. The Halloween wars over pop culture costumes heated up early this year.**  
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